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Tim Stephenson photo
 Cole McAmish looks over a potential Father's Day Card with his Mother, Kayla, at the Hallmark Store on Nameoki Road.

UE agreement to benefit Venice

Easement grant nets city \$120,000

By Scott Cousins
 Staff writer

An agreement between the city of Venice, AmerenUE and a St. Louis pipeline company will generate about \$120,000 in revenue for the city over a two-year period.

This comes after city officials and community members expressed fears that tax reassessment of the plant

could force the city to dissolve.

At a special meeting Wednesday, the Council approved an agreement with AmerenUE and Mississippi River Transmission over easements for a natural gas pipeline improvements on the McKinley Bridge.

In return for granting the easements, the city will receive \$80,000 this year and \$40,000 next year. Of that

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Board audit bad for Venice

Educational review means less funding

By Scott Cousins
 Staff writer

An audit by the Illinois State Board of Education is expected to be bad financial news for the Venice School District.

A finding that about 135 students are illegally attending there could cost the district almost \$600,000 in state aid in the coming year, and the district may also have to pay back more than \$500,000 in state aid from the 1996-1997 and 1997-1998 school years.

Tom Hernandez, a spokesman for the ISBE, said the audit was expected to be

made public either late Friday or Monday. ISBE officials have declined to publicly comment on the results until it is formally released, but Hernandez said the district has had copies of the document for several days.

Superintendent James Doughty could not be reached for comment, and Assistant Superintendent Annette Alexander, who is also the high school principal, said she has not seen the audit or been informed of its contents.

The two major issues from the audit that have been talked

"They've got some numbers problems, and they're going to have to address that issue at some time. The money is the problem."

Harry Briggs
 Reg. Superintendent of Schools

about publicly are illegal students and the repayment of state aid.

The ISBE's audit, conducted in the spring, apparently found about 135 students attending the district illegally from other districts. Most of those students are apparently coming from the Madison School District.

The Venice School District will either lose those students next year - along with the corresponding state aid - or the students must move into the district.

If the district does lose those students - more than one-quarter of the district's

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APA in danger of being shutdown

IDA demands shelter repairs

By Scott Cousins
 Staff writer

The Association for the Protection of Animals shelter in Granite City is in urgent need of an estimated \$15,000 in repairs and improvements.

However, reports that the Illinois Department of Agriculture may force them to close July 1 and euthanize the animals are overstated, according to a department spokesman.

On Wednesday, local television stations broadcast reports that the IDA was planning to close the shelter if repairs were not made and force the euthanasia of the animals. Later that day, Jodie Moore, who takes care of cats at the shelter, also said if



Tim Stephenson photo
 From left, Jody Moore with Carrie and Laura Foster with Duchess at the Granite City APA Shelter.

Harmon signs off on new river bridge plans

Resolution allows both states to apply for federal funding of span

By Larry Ingram
 Staff writer

A major hurdle in the development of a new bridge

across the Mississippi River was cleared Thursday when St. Louis Mayor Clarence Harmon signed off on plans to proceed with the engineering of the bridge.

St. Louis city officials had expressed concern that the Missouri approaches to the new bridge - an eight-lane structure set to be placed about one mile below the McKinley Bridge - would disrupt local traffic and neighbor-

hoods. St. Clair County Board Chairman John Baricovic and Harmon signed a resolution Thursday that will allow both states to work to get federal grants to help pay for the bridge.

The proposed bridge would cross the river south of the McKinley Bridge and connect to Illinois 3, Illinois 203, Interstate 70 and I-64 in Illinois. It would most likely connect with I-70, 14th Street and Tucker Boulevard in St. Louis.

As part of the construction, the Illinois section of I-70

would be relocated off the Poplar Street Bridge to the new bridge, with the new approach near Gateway International Raceway.

The estimated cost of the bridge is about \$550 million. Much of that would be for the extensive approaches on the Illinois side.

Public meetings on the bridge - required as the next phase of its development - had been put on hold because of objections by St. Louis officials.

Illinois planners have been especially anxious to get started on the bridge and James L.

Easterly, Illinois Department of Transportation district engineer, recently said he would agree to name the new bridge after Harmon if only Harmon would get on board with plans for the bridge.

On Thursday Harmon - saying the bridge will help foster economic development in the St. Louis area - did just that.

Advocates of the bridge say it is needed to decrease rush-hour traffic on bridges leading to downtown St. Louis. Easterly said 200 million

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MCT 800 listing is a 900 advertisement

Local service provider prints wrong listing

By Scott Cousins
 Staff writer

For a good time call the Madison County Transit District?

Because of a mistake by a local telephone service provider, callers using the listed 800 number for MCT have instead been enticed by a sultry female promising "explosive,

X-rated excitement" and asking them to call a 900 number.

MCT Managing Director Jerry Kane said MCT abandoned the 800 number last year, and it has since been given to a telephone sex company. To compound the district's embarrassment, its telephone service provider, McLeod USA, listed the old 800 number and passed that number along to Ameritech.

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Granite City Police

• **BURGLARY:** A burglary occurred Thursday at a restaurant in the 4700 block of Nameoki Road. Four video poker machines were pried open; an unspecified amount of money was taken.

The restaurant was broken into between the hours of 1:55 a.m. and 2:15 p.m. Entry was gained through a rear window. A jukebox was also tampered with and about \$40 was stolen from an office area, where a file cabinet was damaged.

• A garage burglary occurred during a two-week period in the 2100 block of Cleveland.

A police report did not state the item or items stolen or their value. Entry occurred on the west side of the garage door, which was apparently pried open. The break-in occurred between May 29 and June 15.

• A burglary occurred in the 2300 block of Logan Avenue Tuesday evening. A total of \$300 was reported taken.

The burglary occurred about 5:35 p.m. The money was taken from a mattress. Entry was gained through a broken window.

• A burglary occurred Tuesday evening at the Granite City Park District office, 2900 Benton. A total of \$255.40 in soda was reported stolen.

Entry was gained by sliding bolt cutters under the window cover and cutting the locks. The burglary occurred about 5:35 p.m.

• **UNLAWFUL USE OF A WEAPON:** Shannon Walsh, 19, of 2804 Willow Ave., was charged Thursday with a misdemeanor count of unlawful use of a weapon and a misdemeanor count of battery.

At 5 a.m. Thursday, police were dispatched to the 1600 block of Nameoki Road in regard to a disturbance. When officers arrived, they observed two victims who were allegedly punched in the face by Walsh with a set of brass knuckles.

One victim was taken to St. Elizabeth Medical Center with facial abrasions. He was later released.

Police reports indicated Walsh and three others allegedly covered the victims in a black car to a parking lot. When the two males, both in their 20s, exited a vehicle, Walsh allegedly walked toward them and then allegedly threw the punches.

• **AUTO BURGLARY:** A car burglary occurred in the 2200 block of early Friday morning. Three suspects were arrested.

Edward Brown, 23, of 757 Linnis, Granite City; Christopher Wright, 20, of 1817 Maple, Granite City; and James Bailey, 23, of 2040 Benton, Granite City, allegedly broke into a 1994 Mazda RX7 at approximately 3 a.m. Friday. Police are seeking auto burglary charges against them.

Nothing was taken from the auto. However, items from the glove compartment and middle console were strewn about. Police reports stated a witness saw the suspects inside the car.

Police apprehended Wright about 3:20 a.m. on 20th Street. Brown and Bailey were apprehended a short time later at the intersection of 20th and Adams.

• **ILLEGAL TRANSPORTATION OF ALCOHOL:** Timothy Gent, 39, of 938 Delmar Ave., Granite City, was charged Tuesday with illegal transportation of alcohol.

Gent was pulled over along Pontoon Road at about 10 p.m. for a speeding violation. At that time, the officer allegedly smelled alcohol on Gent and noticed that his eyes were red. He was given a field sobriety test, which he allegedly failed. A blood-alcohol test later indicated Gent had a level .139. The legal limit in Illinois is .08.

Madison County Sheriff's Department

• **BURGLARY:** A resident of the 200 block of Booker Street in Madison reported that some time between 6:45 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. June 16, someone broke into the residence and took two window air conditioners valued at \$200 each, a stereo valued at \$200 and a video cassette recorder valued at \$200.

• **CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY:** A resident of the 2250 block of Ivy Lane in Granite City reported that sometime after midnight June 14, someone spray-painted a bullseye with a question mark in the center onto the roof of the garage and tossed trash in the back yard of the residence.

• **WARRANT ARREST/OBSTRUCTING ARREST:** Joseph Kendall, 21, of Granite City, and Melissa S. Bullard, 18, of Collinsville, were taken into custody after an incident in the 3100 block of West Chain of Rocks Road, Granite City at 4:44 p.m. June 15, by the Madison County Sheriff's Department.

Deputies responded to information that Kendall, who was wanted for a probation violation, was at the residence. Bullard allegedly told police that Kendall was not there. Kendall was found hiding in a closet. Bullard was arrested for obstructing a peace officer. Kendall was arrested on the warrant.

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Road rage is blamed in recent women's assault

Police say racism was not cause of attack of 2 women in lot

By Michael Heil
Staff writer

Authorities from the Granite City Police Department have determined that four black females who assaulted two white females Tuesday night at a video store did so out of road rage and not because of racism.

MADISON Martina Thomas, 18, of

1638 Fourth St., Madison, was charged Tuesday with two counts of simple battery, one count of resisting arrest and one count of mob action. Caroline Munson, 20, of 801 Reynolds St., Madison, was charged with one count of simple battery and one count of mob action.

Thomas and Munson were being held at Madison County Jail in lieu \$30,000 bail. Two juveniles were taken into custody as well. A juvenile petition has been filed in which authorities are seeking one count of simple battery and one count of mob action against them.

The victims, a mother and daughter from Granite City, were taken to St. Elizabeth Medical Center, where they were treated for minor injuries.

Capt. Ron Landman said the women, 44 and 19, were pursued because they eyed

their attackers and made several lane changes along Nameoki Road while on their way to Blockbuster Video.

"That's the information we have," Landman said.

As the mother was driving, the attackers pulled alongside her several times, calling her and her daughter names and making threatening remarks.

At Blockbusters' parking lot, where the two had stopped about 10 p.m. Tuesday to return videos, one of the attackers walked around to the driver's side window and punched the woman in the face. She and her daughter attempted to run into the store, but could not because they were being punched and kicked repeatedly by the attackers, police said.

Nick Huniak, an off-duty police officer shopping at Quick Trip, heard the women screaming and ran to their aid. Two of the attackers attempted to flee, but were apprehended by Huniak, whose van was struck during their attempted getaway. The juveniles, who fled, were taken into custody a short time later.

"If Huniak would not have been in the area, the extent of the women's injuries would have been more severe," Landman said.

Madison city police purchasing bicycles

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Citing long distances officers have to travel on foot while patrolling the Old Chain of Rocks Bridge and Gateway International Raceway, the Madison Police Department is planning to purchase bicycles for patrol officers.

MADISON At Tuesday's Madison City Council meeting, Chief Steve Skoklo said the

department plans to purchase four bicycles and related equipment at about \$760 each and train as many officers as it can on them.

The department is also soliciting donations from area organizations and businesses and has received most of the money necessary for the project.

Lt. Steve Shelby said the department sent out letters requesting donations; it had received about \$2,000 of the almost \$3,000 needed as of Thursday.

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Hometown Heroes honored

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'Be A Clown' contest winners are announced

The following people are winners in the Moolah Shrine Circus "Be A Clown" contest: Britany Allen, Tiffany Anderson, Michael Barger Jr., Jessie Benson, Alex Billings, Dennis Bischof, Addison Bracher, Alyssa Briley, Emily Briscoe, Katie Carstens, Eric Danishevsky, Jasmine Delaney, Michael Ford, Matt Galati, Sean Giamnegian, April Jacoby, Jonathan Jenkins, Cody Kerrie, Nick Kennedy, Clara Laubscher, Claire LaMarche, John LeRoy, Mark Marquardt, Jenna Massey, Dylan Moyneur, Austin Myers, Alex Neavill, Matthew Nowicki, Zachary O'Bryan, Alicia Olson, Theresa Pace, Lindsay Nicole Parker, Ashley Partridge, Ashley Perlinger, Mercedes Pohl, Alex D. Reeves, Allyson Renih, Ian Sartorius, Joshua Shirley, Taylor Tebeau, Alex Tessmer, Jol Elysia Townsend, Amanda Tucker, Ryan Wernli, Ryan Williams, Jessica Wokovich, Michael J. Wright, Caroline Utley.

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City Council approves life support upgrade request

Tarpoft seeks written assurances from IDPH

By Michael Heil
Staff writer

The Granite City Fire Department has two Advanced Life Support ambulances, but Fire Chief Keith Talley would like to see the number increase to three.

GRANITE CITY Talley addressed the

council Tuesday night, asking the aldermen for \$16,000 from the city budget to upgrade an older Basic Life Support Ambulance to an ALS.

"The IDPH (Illinois Department of Public Health) told me that if the ambulance was upgraded, the state would approve it," Talley said.

The council agreed to the expenditures. However, Second Ward Alderman Craig Tarpoft asked Talley for written assurance from IDPH in which it would approve the upgrade even if the ambulance was not constantly manned by a paramedic.

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"I'm in support of another ALS, but I don't want the city to be in a position to upgrade it in that if the fire department cannot use it as an ALS 100 percent of the time, the city will be forced to pay overtime."

Craig Tarpoft
Second Ward Alderman

city to be in a position to upgrade it in that if the fire department cannot use it as an ALS 100 percent of the time, the city will be forced to pay overtime," Tarpoft said.

About six years ago, he went on to say, the city was in the position to upgrade a BLS to an ALS because the City Council received an assurance from the IDPH that it would approve the upgrade, even though the ambulance would not be constantly manned by a paramedic.

The IDPH eventually reversed that decision, to the dismay of the fire department and council,

saying that it had to be manned by a paramedic day in and day out.

Consequently, Tarpoft has taken a cautious approach. "This way, we will have a written agreement and will not burden the city with an overtime problem," Tarpoft said.

In other news, Superintendent of Streets Jerry Lakin asked the council's approval for the street department to purchase a used Bobcat bulldozer for \$25,000.

"It's in good shape and has a number of uses," Lakin said. "It has a post-hole digger and a concrete breaker. A new piece of equipment like that would cost the city about \$50,000."

Fourth Ward Alderman Foster Frederick added, "It's a man-saver and a time-saver."

St. Louis United Way awards 23 health-related scholarships

The United Way of Greater St. Louis has awarded \$35,000 in scholarships to 23 students pursuing careers in health-related fields. Those honored include 1999 high school graduates as well as college and graduate students.

The scholarships — along with awards to three individuals and a corporation for outstanding work in the health care field — were presented at the ninth annual Health Awareness Week luncheon on June 10 at the Missouri Botanical Garden.

The program is funded by local businesses, foundations and individuals who share the United Way's commitment to a healthy community. A committee comprised of Clarence Barksdale, vice chair, Washington University; Jane Evans, former executive director of the Combined Health Appeal; Carolyn Losos, former director FOCUS St. Louis; and Sally Mullen, assistant director of student financial aid, Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, selected the winning students from 70 applications.

Of the award recipients, two \$500 scholarships went to Dionne Locke, Bethalto, Ill., attending Lewis & Clark Community College; and Jennifer Wallace, St. Charles, who is attending St. Charles Community College.

Ten \$1,500 scholarships were awarded to high school students. Receiving these

awards were: Christopher Brandmeyer, Albers, Ill.; Erin Henson, Crystal City; Bonnie Hogenkamp, south St. Louis County; Mary Jo Laws, Edwardsville; Melissa Mavers, south St. Louis County; Kimberly Mourey, Belleville; Phuong Nguyen, St. Ann; Tara Rueter, Belleville; and Jennifer Simmons, Marissa.

Four awards of \$1,000 each go to: Kelly Holschen, Florissant, a student at Saint Louis University; and three Deaconess College of Nursing students: Kelly Hoven, Bridgeton; Joanna Wokurka, St. Louis; and Angela Weber, St. Charles.

Six \$2,500 graduate student scholarships went to: Traci Algiers, Fenton, a student at Logan College of Chiropractic; Nancy Bubenik, Overland, Barnes College of Nursing at the University of Missouri-St. Louis; Brett Davidson, south St. Louis County, a Saint Louis University medical student; Thad Henkel-Hanke, Ballwin, a student at Logan College of Chiropractic; Pamela McMurray, St. Louis, a student at Washington University; and Jill Oertle, Maplewood, a student at Saint Louis University.

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In addition to the students, three individuals were honored for their work in the health care field.

Sister Mary Jean Ryan, president and chief executive officer for SSM Health Care System, was named HealthCare of the Year.

Leslie Bond, M.D. received the Health Professional of the Year award. June Brennan-Mueller and her TOUCH dog, Peg, received the Unsung Hero award for their work with patients at St. Louis Children's Hospital.

Boeing Company Employee's Community Fund was named the 1999 Partner in Health.

Anderson Hospital sued in death

By Dennis Grubbaugh
Staff writer

Anderson Hospital and two staff doctors are being sued for alleged negligence in the death of a Staunton woman last November.

Tina Marie Moreland, 37, was admitted to intensive care at Anderson in Maryville on Nov. 27 for treatment of a pulmonary embolism, according to the lawsuit filed Thursday in Madison County Circuit Court.

Doctors allegedly failed to ensure that tubing was properly placed down her trachea and then failed to reposition the tube when she began to hyperventilate, causing her to suffocate, the lawsuit said. Endotracheal tubing commonly is used to administer anesthetic gases for examination purposes.

The suit was brought by Moreland's husband, Eric, acting as administrator of her estate.

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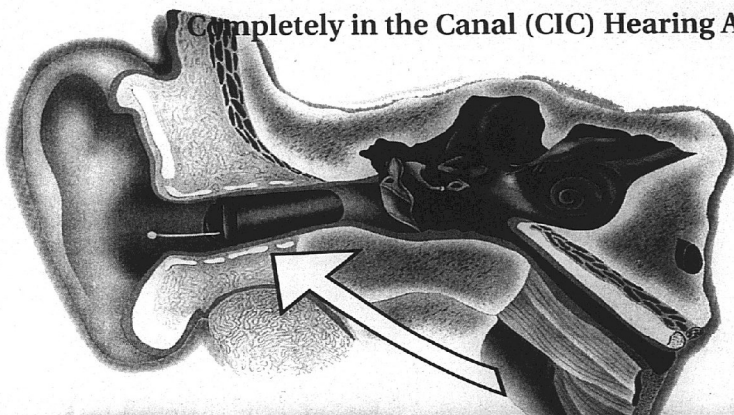


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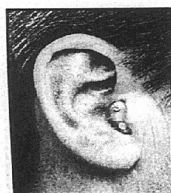
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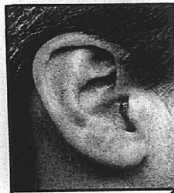


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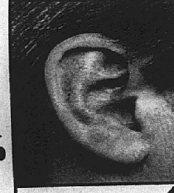


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Asthma: Fighting a silent killer

Legislation would provide funds to help fight problem

By U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin

For the next 15 minutes, imagine breathing through a tiny straw the size of a coffee stirrer, never getting enough air. Now imagine suffering through this process three to six times a day.

This is asthma. Today, asthma is considered the worst chronic health problem plaguing this nation's children, affecting nearly 15 million Americans. That figure includes more than 700,000 Illinois residents, of whom 213,000 are children under the age of 18.

Illinois has the nation's highest asthma-related death rate for African-American males, and Chicago has one of the highest rates of childhood asthma in the country. During a recent visit to Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago, I met a wonderful little boy whose life is a daily fight against asthma.

He told me he can't always participate in gym class or even join his friends on the playground.

Fortunately, Nicholas is receiving the medical attention necessary to manage his asthma. Yet for millions of children, this is not the case. Their asthma goes undiagnosed and untreated, making trips to the emergency room as common as trips to the grocery store.

In an effort to help the millions of children who live every day with undiagnosed or untreated asthma, I have introduced the Childhood Asthma Relief Act. The bipartisan legislation, cosponsored by U.S. Sen. Mike DeWine, R-Ohio, would provide \$50 million in grants for state and community-based organizations to support education and prevention programs.

The bill also would help enroll income-eligible children suffering from asthma in Medicaid or Illinois' KidCare program.

Despite the best efforts of the health community, childhood asthma is becoming more common, more deadly and more expensive. In the past 20 years, childhood asthma cases have increased by 160 percent and asthma-related deaths have tripled despite improved treatments.

The Childhood Asthma Relief Act is a response to the alarming increase in childhood asthma cases and asthma-related deaths.

My legislation would provide funds to community and state organizations that serve areas with the largest number of children who are at risk of developing asthma and areas with the highest asthma-related death rates.

The grant recipients could use the funds to develop programs to best meet the needs of their residents. The funds are targeted to those communities where there is the highest number of children with asthma or asthma-related deaths.

No child should die from a disease like asthma. We can reverse this alarming trend by attacking the problem at its roots, in communities where this disease is most likely to strike.

Innovative programs do exist.

For example, in Los Angeles, the Asthma and Allergy Foundation created two "breathmobiles." The converted motor homes visit schools to test, treat and educate at-risk children. Since the program began two years ago, there has been a 17 percent decline in asthma-related emergency room visits in the area.

Here in Illinois, the Mobile CARE Foundation is setting up a program in Chicago based on the Los Angeles initiative. In addition, the American Association of Chest Physicians has joined with other groups to form the Chicago Asthma Consortium to provide asthma screening and treatment.

Efforts like these need our support. The "Childhood Asthma Relief Act" would expand these programs to help ensure that no child goes undiagnosed and every asthmatic child gets the treatment he or she needs.

(Dick Durbin is a U.S. Senator from Illinois.)



Plan would be counterproductive

Group proposes cutting House in half and eliminating sessions

Some ultra-conservatives have decided that the way to prevent more tax increases is to cut the size of the Illinois House and restrict the General Assembly to only one session every other year.

They're proposing a constitutional amendment to do just that. Wrong. For starters, they're trying to solve a problem that doesn't exist. Our state taxes are relatively low. Now, I'm not some tax-loving liberal. But we actually have some of the lowest state taxes in the country.

If you don't believe me just look at your local property tax bill. It's too high, right? That's because the state doesn't pay for a lot of local stuff that other states pay for.

You could make the argument — as the conservatives do — that Governor Ryan broke his promise not to raise taxes, so something has to be done to prevent this from happening again.

Fine. But why do that by changing the legislature's structure and schedule?

Liberal Democratic legislators will almost always go along with a Republican governor who wants to raise taxes, and a Republican governor will almost always be able to convince several members of his or her own party to vote for tax increases. I ask Jim Edgar, Jim Thompson and Richard Ogilvie, three Republican governors who raised taxes in the last 30 years. Maybe what we should do to keep our taxes down is elect a Democratic governor.

Republican legislators would never go along with helping a Democratic governor raise



Rich Miller

taxes.

The conservatives say that the state should have used the budgetary "surplus" to pay for the governor's \$12 billion infrastructure program. Ryan himself said the same thing last year.

Well, he was wrong then and they're wrong now. Tapping into a temporary surplus for a 20-year bonding project guarantees a tax increase during the next recession, when revenues will drop like a stone and social spending will skyrocket.

It's just simple mathematics. Since taxes will have to go up anyway, it's probably better to hike them when so many people are flush.

Before the "Cutback Amendment" passed in 1980, which reduced the House from 177 members to 118, the House would like a zoo run by the wildlife.

It was full of independent operators and was almost completely uncontrollable. Since the cutbacks, the leadership of both parties has held the chamber in a vice-like grip.

Thoughtful reformers are now talking about increasing the size of the House to where it once was, not decreasing it. And remember, the 58-member

Senate overwhelmingly passed the governor's tax hikes. Reducing the size of the House to 59 members from 118 won't accomplish anything.

And cutting the House in half means that members would represent twice as many people as they do now, which will probably make them less responsive to individual constituents.

The General Assembly functions at a glacier's pace. It usually takes years to get anything substantial accomplished.

Allowing the General Assembly to meet only every other year would make it lots more difficult to get anything done.

Some conservatives believe that would be a good thing. Maybe so, but tell that to someone who belongs to an HMO or lives near a toxic waste dump.

Politics, the saying goes, abhors a vacuum, and if the legislature isn't in town the bureaucracy will probably take over.

Unneeded bureaucrats will eventually be making the decisions once made by the General Assembly. With the legislature out of the way, power will also tend to concentrate in the governor's hands. Quite undemocratic, if you ask me.

So, the idea is ill-conceived, unneeded, will probably backfire, and is undemocratic.

Other than that, I'm all for it. Not.

And one final thought. These conservatives are the very same people who tried to get a constitutional amendment on the ballot a few years back that would have required a three-fifths majority to raise taxes.

But Gov. Ryan's tax and fee hikes were approved this spring by that extraordinary majority in both legislative chambers. Why? Because the infrastructure improvements in his program are desperately needed.

The best investments that a government can make in its long-term economic health are infrastructure and education. Our country's infrastructure has created enormous wealth because it facilitates commerce. But it costs money to keep everything in working order.

A few cents more for a six-pack of beer and an extra twenty bucks for license plates are relatively small investments in our state's future. If you don't want to pay it, fine. Just stay off the roads.

Rich Miller also publishes Capital Fax, a statewide newsletter. The preceding column, provided by the Illinois Press Association, does not necessarily reflect the opinions of the association or this newspaper.

Letters to the editor

Ryan's spending initiative will help entire region

TO THE EDITOR: As a local business owner, I applaud Gov. Ryan's bold and comprehensive "Illinois FIRST" initiative, which funds an ambitious infrastructure improvement program.

For years, we in southwestern Illinois have called for critical transportation improvements to ease congestion in this growing area.

"Illinois FIRST" is particularly important to our region. This program will fund the remainder of Illinois 255 to Godfrey and much-needed improvements to Illinois 157, Illinois 159, Illinois 3 and Interstate 64. In addition, a number of the area's municipal and county projects could be advanced with funding assistance from "Illinois FIRST." All of these improvements will ease congestion, attract new business to southwestern Illinois and create jobs for the area.

The funding burden is being very fairly distributed with increases in what are basically "users fees" — vehicle licensing and trucking fees — plus a modest increase in alcohol taxes. The fees for vehicles and the tax on alcohol have not been changed for over 10 years. These increases should be happily absorbed in and to every individual that uses the transportation system.

"Illinois FIRST" also provides

additional funding for schools, almost doubling the current school construction program. Local school districts will definitely benefit from the new funds available for life-safety and capacity improvements.

Call your legislators and assure them that support for this program will not be a "black mark" in the next election.

DAVID M. OATES

Collinsville

Old way may have been best for our students

TO THE EDITOR: I lucked out when I was a kid. I spent eight years in a parochial school where a group of grand ladies taught me to read, write, spell, add, subtract, multiply and divide. Just for good measure, they tossed in a bit of religion and I could never see where loyalty to that religion infringed on my loyalty to this nation.

They had another item they believed in, strongly. Discipline. They taught it with a smile, and they were not above a whack up alongside the head if their words needed punctuation. I never felt put upon by this sort of treatment, and I can still see most of those ladies in my mind's eye and wish there were still some way to see them every day.

Though they said discipline was of prime importance, I must admit I could not see why. I took their word for it, until I had grown and begun to see that, as

usual, they were correct. I don't see those nuns anymore and most, if not all of them, are deceased. I do miss them and wish I had understood them a bit better as a child.

Now we don't have religion in school. We have metal detectors, policemen and various other forms of protection, detection and other systems which are alike in that they are useless. Those ladies taught family discipline and school discipline and it did work.

If we don't find some way back to that, we might as well issue the kids weapons with their primers. See Spot run! Shoot old Spot! Laugh as loud as you wish and we will still attend juvenile funerals, and that is criminal. The old way is not always best, but it was in this instance.

TOM RANDANT

Collinsville

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Madison County purchases previous Madison City Hall

Garrett: Health clinic will really help city

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

The purchase of the old Madison City Hall and fire station by Madison County will allow the county to expand services in the area — including a possible health clinic.

MADISON County Administrator Jim Monday said the county plans to expand the satellite office concept to include extensive use by the Health Department and other agencies, both county and non-profit.

On Wednesday, the Madison County Board approved purchasing the Madison buildings — located in the 1500 block of Third Street — for a total of about \$115,000.

That includes \$100,000 for the buildings, plus reimbursing the city \$15,000 for work including the removal of old fuel tanks.

The Madison City Council must give final approval to the proposal.

County Buildings Committee Chairman William Krumeich, D-Edwardsville, said the county plans to locate a Health Department clinic in

"I don't know of a better piece of news I've heard in my 12 years."

Don Garrett
Madison County Board member

the old city hall building. He also said other county departments were taking a look at using the space.

Don Garrett, D-Madison, told the board that the health clinic plan for Madison was the best news ever.

"I don't know of a better piece of news I've heard in my 12 years," he said. "This is my last term on the board — I don't plan to run again. If this happens, I can retire with dignity."

Board Chairman Rudy Papa, D-Bethalto, said that there was a lot of county equipment that could potentially be placed there as well.

Homar Henke, R-Moro, was the sole opposing vote for the buildings committee recommendations, which also included a new roof for the county courthouse.

The Probation Department has operated a satellite office at the old city hall since last June.

"It's worked out well so far with the Probation

Department," Monday said. "They made it clear they wanted to stay there, so this seemed the logical move."

Monday said that the county can start work on remodeling the second floor of the city hall as soon as the sale is officially closed, probably in a month or two. The fire station may take a little longer.

"They have to build a new fire house and move out; that's got to happen first," he said.

The city is planning a new fire station a few blocks away on the site of the old Madison Junior High School near its Third Street ball diamond.

A residential tax increment financing district that would include the site, as well as East Madison and possibly the Cloverleaf Subdivision, is planned.

The city is also seeking an architect for the project, which would cost an estimated \$500,000 to \$750,000.

— Some information provided by reporter Curtiss Hartley.

Obituaries

Jacqueline Frizzell
JACQUELINE A. FRIZZELL, 68, of Madison, died at 7:38 a.m. Tuesday, June 15, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

She was born Oct. 18, 1930, in Charleston, Miss. Frizzell was a homemaker. She was a member of Word of Life Tabernacle.

She married Kenneth Frizzell, who preceded her in death on March 18, 1999.

Survivors include one son, Philip Frizzell of Madison, one daughter, Phyllis Hahn of Boynton, Fla., three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

She also preceded in death by her parents, Porter and Mildred (McDonald) Carter.

Services were Friday, June 18, at Werner Chapel, with the Rev. Henry Crippen officiating. Burial was in Lake View Memorial Gardens in Fairview Heights.

Paul Gavin
PAUL J. GAVIN 79, of Fairview Heights, died Wednesday, June 16, 1999, at Memorial Hospital in Belleville.

He was born March 30, 1920, in St. Louis. Mr. Gavin was retired from General Motors Corp., where he worked as an assembler. He was a member of UAW Local 25 for 28 years and was a World War II Navy veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Hazel (Williams) Gavin; two daughters, Marilyn Johnson of Fairview Heights and Carol Gilliam of Dupon; one son, William Brian of Fairview Heights; a brother, Thomas Gavin of Granite City; 11 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Ronald G. Gavin; and his parents, Thomas and Elizabeth Gavin.

Services were held Friday, June 18, at Kassy Mortuary Chapel,

with Pastor Hal Santos officiating. Burial was in Mount Hope Cemetery, Belleville.

Harlene Gibson
HARLENE (REED) GIBSON, 60, of Granite City, died at 12:50 p.m. Wednesday, June 16, 1999, at her residence.



She was born Dec. 11, 1938, in Chester and had been a Granite City resident most of her life. Mrs. Gibson was a homemaker. She was a member of DAV Auxiliary Post 53 and was its bingo chairperson, a member of VFW Post 1300, American Legion Post 113 and Eagles Lodge Auxiliary 1126, all in Granite City. She was of the Pentecostal faith.

She married John Howard Gibson on July 2, 1954, in Granite City. He survives.

Other survivors include her father, John Hagen Sr. of Granite City; three sons, John J. Arma, Leroy J. Metzger, and Matthew L. Gibson, all of Granite City; four daughters, Donna Walters of Panama City Beach, Fla., Robbie Biles of New Hampshire, Barbara Scaturro of Seattle and Martha Fines of Granite City; four sisters, Maryanne Murphy and Joyce Pursell, both of Granite City; Virginia Hannah of St. Louis and Ruth Hagen of Lincoln, Neb.; two brothers, John Hagen Jr. and William Hagen, both of Granite City; and 11 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Virginia Ross Powers, and a brother, Halley Conrad Reed Jr.

Services were held Friday, June 18, at Mercer Chapel in Granite

City, with the Rev. Carlos Bryant officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery, Fairview Heights.

Memorials to the American Cancer Society are suggested.

Wilmer Winter
WILMER "WIL" WINTER, 83, of Collinsville, formerly of Granite City, died at 5:45 a.m. Thursday, June 17, 1999, at his residence.

He was born May 24, 1916 in Marlissa and lived in Granite City for 45 years before moving to Collinsville a year ago.

Mr. Winter retired from Dow Chemical, where he worked as a steel and aluminum worker. He served in World War II in the South Pacific. Mr. Winter was a longtime member of St. John United Church of Christ of Granite City. He belonged to Granite City Masonic Lodge 825, Scottish Rite, Almad Temple, Legion of Honor, Low Twelve Club in Pontoon Beach, Collinsville Senior Citizen Club and American Legion Post 365.

He married the former Clara L. Jueger, who preceded him in death.

Survivors include one daughter, Diane Biddell of Collinsville and two grandsons, Benjamin and R.J. He was also preceded in death by his parents, George and Frieda (Knecht) Winter; one son, Randall Winter; and his stepmother, Frieda Winter.

Services were held Saturday, June 19, at St. John United Church of Christ in Granite City, with the Rev. Allen Reiter officiating. Burial was in Lake View Memorial Gardens, Fairview Heights.

Irwin Chapel in Granite City handled arrangements.

Memorials to Hospice of Madison County or the church are suggested.

Lewis and Clark College takes over ownership of N.O. Nelson complex

By Sanford J. Schmidt
Staff writer

Preservationists were "grinning from ear to ear," state Sen. Evelyn Bowles said Thursday as Lewis and Clark Community College officially took over ownership of the historic N.O. Nelson complex.

"N.O. Nelson's dream has come full circle," said Cindy Gale, representing the Friends of Leclaire preservation organization.

Gale was one of several speakers for the ceremony at the Nelson site, where the former plumbing fixture factory will become a vocational school operated by LCCC.

The site became available

when Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, which formerly had control of the property and called it the Wagner Complex, decided to move art classes and storage to the central campus.

The ceremony also marked the receipt of \$500,000 from the state to plan courses and do environmental cleanup.

The ceremony also recognized Bowles.

D-Edwardsville and state Rep. Jay Hoffman, D-Collinsville, for their efforts in getting the initial funding in this year's state budget.

LCCC President Dale Chapman said another \$10 million will be needed to bring the complex to its former

glory as a humane place for people to work. College officials are calling the site the "Historic N.O. Nelson Campus."

Gale pointed out that Nelson, a progressive 19th century industrialist, built the factory and a nearby training academy with a view toward improving the quality of life for the workers.

Preservationists said Nelson allowed young employees to stay by working a few hours in the factory until they learned their trade. Now, students again can take advantage of the complex to learn, they said.

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Harmon signs off on new area bridge

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motorists from Missouri currently use the Poplar Street Bridge each year. An estimated 300 million from Illinois travel across the same bridge each year.

A study by Sverdrup Corp. for IDOT and the Missouri Department of Transportation showed that unless a new bridge was built, by 2020, delays for motorists crossing the King and Poplar Street bridges

could exceed 35-40 minutes over a three- or four-hour period each day.

Easterly said planning for the bridge can now proceed. James Pennekamp, executive director of Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois, said it was necessary for the Missouri side to cooperate in order to compete for transportation funds at the federal level. Pennekamp said a project the size of the new bridge will have to compete for limited federal

money.

A combination of state and federal money has been earmarked for engineering and design of the bridge, but no construction funds have been approved.

Once those funds are in place, it should be possible to take several years for the actual construction of the bridge.

Staff writer Scott Cousins provided some information for this story.

Granite City APA could be shut down

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repairs were not made by July 1, the animals would have to be put down.

The shelter, located at 5000 Old Alton Road, has a "no-kill" policy. As of Wednesday, Moore said it had 50 cats, 61 kittens, and 60-65 dogs.

A spokesman for the department said the department has issued no ultimatum to the shelter.

"There are still some concerns we have," said IDA spokesman John Herath. "But even if they don't meet the requirements, it's not the case where we would come in and animals would have to be euthanized."

He said the July 1 deadline talked about is the date for the shelter's license renewal, and that the shelter is currently licensed.

"We've been working with them for quite some time to get them to make some repairs," he said. "We're continuing to work with them to make sure they meet state requirements."

He said department inspectors met with shelter officials in February and have made at least one surprise inspection since then.

"It's been spelled out; multiple people from our office have sat down with them, and they have a very full understanding of what needs to be done," he said. "There's no ambiguity with it."

Moore said the shelter repairs include replacing sewers, putting in more dog runs, and refurbishing the floors.

"Right now we're getting money together, we're trying our hardest," she said. "People have been calling in, they're not telling us the amount, but they're saying they are sending checks to us."

Herath said the department realizes funding is a major challenge for non-profit shelters and encouraged people to contribute.

For information about helping the shelter, call 931-7033.

Phone service takes over MCT number

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The district first used the 800 number when it began offering its door-to-door service in the 1980s.

The number was taken out of service several years later, but MCT kept it because many people still had the number on "memorabilia," Kane said.

"We kept a message on that number which gave people the right number to call," he said.

Last year, MCT switched to Meleod for local service, but dropped the 800 number because it would have cost

\$50 per month.

It has since been transferred to the sex service.

"Unfortunately, that's the number they published in their phone book and that's the number they gave to Ameritech," Kane said. "We have two sets of phone books on the streets now, and they won't be replaced."

He said they found out about the problem May 17, contacted the telephone company and then hoped nobody would notice.

"They said essentially there is nothing they can do," Kane said. "They can't take the number away from the company that has it, and

they can't change the number."

"He said one action MCT will take is to change its telephone service, and the agency is considering other legal options."

Since the problem was discovered, he said MCT has "got quite a lot of notoriety."

"It's not the kind of news you like, but there is absolutely nothing we can do," he said.

MCT's correct numbers are 874-7433 for administration or 931-7433 for route and schedules.

non-residents. There is a \$2 discount for each additional child in the same family.

To ensure proper ratios of supervisors to children, the registration deadline will be 5 p.m. the day before the night out.

For more information, call the CARD office at 345-7529.

Splash City schedules Parent's Nights Out programs

Splash City Family Waterpark will hold Parent's Night Out programs on June 26, July 23 and Aug. 7.

The programs, which take place from 6 to 11 p.m., is designed to give parents a night out without kids while knowing the children are well supervised and having fun.

Children ages 6-12 will meet at the Collinsville Area

Recreation District's Activity Building at 6 p.m., where they will change into swimming attire and go out to Splash City.

Splash City staff members have planned the rest of the evening to be filled with both inside and outside games and activities as well as a movie.

The fee for this program is \$8 per child for residents of CARD and \$12 per child for

Board audit brings bad news for Venice

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total enrollment — it would still not be able to reduce the number of teachers because those teachers must be notified 60 days before the end of the school year — which ended June 4.

Earlier this year, the district sent reduction in force notices to 10 teachers. At a recent meeting, the School Board discussed the situation, which

they have known about for some time.

The district is expected to receive about \$4,300 in state aid for every student. If those students are lost, it would mean a loss of about \$580,000 out of a \$3.8 million budget, said Madison County Superintendent of School Harry Briggs Jr.

"They've got some numbers problems, and they're going to have to address that issue at some time," Briggs said. "The money is the problem."

In addition, he said, the district owes the Illinois State Board of Education at least \$600,000 in disallowed state funding for the 1996-97 and 1997-98 school years.

Briggs said he has not received any indication of what the ISBE will do about the money owed by the district. Options may include forcing the district to repay the funds in one lump sum, spreading out the payments over several years or forgiving the debt.

AmerenUE makes agreement on easement

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amount, \$1,000 will go to the bridge, the rest to the city's general fund.

Additionally, the city will waive requirements building permits that AmerenUE apparently failed to obtain before beginning construction, which finished in May.

Mayor Tyrone Echols said that the company may have thought its improvements were covered under other easements and permits.

Echols said the money will help ease problems created by a major drop in the city's assessed value.

The plant's value was recently reassessed to \$1 million from \$6 million, after company officials discovered the plant has been assessed improperly for some time.

Most property is assessed at one-third its fair market value. Power plants are assessed at that value minus depreciation.

The reassessment will cost the city an estimated \$160,000 in tax revenue and has also caused tax rates to rise about 14 percent.

Susan Gallagher, a spokeswoman for AmerenUE, said the agreement and recent controversy over the plant's reassessment are unrelated.

She said the company recently completed work to

"My attempt was never to push these people (AmerenUE) out; we need them here as a viable part of the community. I hope things work out well for both of us..."

Tyrone Echols
Venice mayor

convert two of plant's eight generating units from oil to dual-fuel. That will allow the units to burn both oil and natural gas.

The other six generating units at the plant were converted to dual-fuel in 1972.

Gallagher said both AmerenUE and MCT, which owns and operates a natural gas pipeline across the

McKinley Bridge that supplies the plant, needed to increase the pipeline's capacity.

Mayor Tyrone Echols said the agreement and the money it provides to the city are

"sorely needed"; they are also an attempt to build better relations between the city and company.

"I do understand their plight, but also understand my plight," he said. "In meeting with them I told them I understood what the law allowed and what have you, but I'm fighting for survival."

We're doing whatever we can to keep Venice alive."

He said the revenue will help, but the city will still have

to so some belt-tightening.

He said the city officials are also hopeful that the worth of the plant, and its corresponding assessed value, will rise and provide more tax revenue for the city.

Gallagher would not reveal the cost of the improvements, but Echols said he had been told about \$5 million had been spent.

He also said city officials were still hoping that the

statutes allowing power plants to be assessed differently would be changed in the next few years.

"My attempt was never to push these people out; we need them here as a viable part of the community," he said. "I hope things work well for both of us, but my first priority is the salvation of the community."

"I'm satisfied," he said of the agreement. "It's not what I was looking for, but it's something."

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What an example God has given us in nature of an unselfish and totally dedicated father.

So let us give tribute to loving, caring and faithful fathers. Men who say, as Job in the Bible said, "I have esteemed thy word greater than my necessary food."

A good dad is many things, a role model, an advisor, teacher and Godly example.

"Children are led best by positive example, not words," reader Anthony Hernandez said.

Many of us owe our confidence, courage and faith to the encouragement of our dads. For our Heavenly Father teaches us, "I am with you always, I will never leave you or forsake you."

A recent study by the Department of Education suggests that when dads play an active role in their child's

A New You



Catherine Galasso

education grades go up. Researcher's ranked dad's participation in school activities, going to class events, volunteering in the school and attending parent-teacher conferences high on the list of making children real achievers in life. Further studies suggest when a father in particular attends these functions, his child is more likely to enjoy school,

participate in extracurricular activities and do well academically. Research also states that when fathers demonstrate approval, warmth and give plenty of attention to their children, they produce self-reliant, mature girls and confident, skillful boys.

Daughters, for example, did better at school when their fathers played sports with them and cheered on their earnest attempts.

"If you can compete on the tennis court then you probably can be a real competitor in the courtroom," one dad said.

Boys benefit from nurturing fathers, too, watching the example of what a real man and a caring and compassionate husband he one day will be.

Making a sincere interest in their friends, helping them with their homework and playing games with your children can lead them to a better understanding of what

sterling character is.

"I respect my children, and they respect me," reader Frank Trinka said. "For recreation, my son and I like to play chess in the evening."

Chess is a good game to instill in your child the need to think before you jump or make a move to do anything.

A good father can give you the great gift of persistence. They can dry your tears, comfort and help you to overcome and succeed by continually saying, "I know you can do it," and "Just try and try again."

Dads really need to read the book of Proverbs in the Bible with their children. It is full of wisdom and you will never be at a loss for words as to what to say to your child. This can be something to look forward to on a Sunday afternoon.

"It is great to come home at the end of a work day to my family," said reader Kevin Vismic, father of two. "They

are the reason I work so hard."

We all have the need for a loving and devoted father. For those of us who have no earthly father remember that you do have a wonderful, Heavenly Father.

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He has written a whole book telling of his great love for you.

Pick it up and read it and be transformed into "A New You."

Have a blessed father's day, dear dads.

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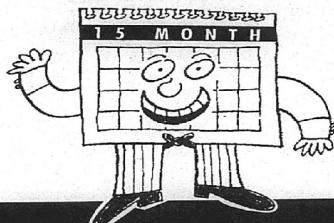
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By Dennis Grubaugh
Staff writer

Attorneys worked for years piecing together a legal case alleging fraud by Sears, Roebuck & Co.

MADISON COUNTY
"It's almost a perfect crime," attorney Steven Katz said Wednesday.

But officials with Sears, the company sued this week in Madison County Circuit Court, said the suit is nothing more than a copycat effort of a lawsuit that previously had been thrown out of federal court in Tampa, Fla.

Katz' Belleville-based law firm filed suit Monday alleging that Sears' auto service centers failed to provide promised tire-balancing service on more than 30 million new tires sold between May 1989 and June 1994. Between seven million and 30 million customers could have been affected, the suit says.

Many of them could become parties to the Madison County case if it is certified as a class action suit, which will take

several months to determine. "We've had thousands of people who have responded to various inquiries through the years," Katz said.

The case is being fought on two fronts. With the Madison County suit prompted by the related, ongoing legal battle in Florida, Katz said. A law firm there called Katz' firm and asked it to assist in the search for clients who may have experienced problems at Sears. Katz works for the powerful personal injury firm Carr, Korsch, Tillery, Kunin, Montroy, Cates & Glass, which frequently assists out-of-state law firms in researching class action claims.

The firm polled clients and used newspaper advertisements to find potential plaintiffs.

The search turned up Kathryn L. Wheeler, a 75-year-old Bethalto widow who bought tires at Sears in 1991. And she still has all the original purchase paperwork," Katz said.

Sears spokeswoman Jan Drummord downplayed the two suits because they use almost identical wording to lay

out their accusations. She issued the following statement:

"The lawsuit that has been filed in an Illinois state court regarding Sears' past tire-balancing service is a copycat. It was copied word for word from a four-year-old complaint that was thrown out of a federal court in Tampa."

"While the complaint subsequently was reinstated in federal court, Sears' motion to dismiss the complaint is pending, and we are confident that it will be successful."

The suit alleges that Sears entered into a tire service agreement in 1988 with a company called Assix International, now known as Excal Enterprise Inc. Assix was the developer and owner of an automotive tire and rim balancing service called AccuBalance.

The AccuBalance program used a machine called the TM 6000.

Assix leased approximately 1,200 of the machines to more than 800 Sears Auto Centers throughout the country, which remained in use until early 1994.

Sears sold AccuBalance to

the majority of its Auto Center customers who purchased new tires, including Wheeler, who purchased four tires from the center in Florissant, Mo. She purchased the AccuBalance service for \$12.50 per tire, Katz said, but has no way of knowing if she received the balance job.

The lawsuit maintains that Sears management personnel knew the auto centers were selling the balancing service but not performing it on the majority of tires.

"Most people don't know they're victims," Katz said. "It's impossible to tell unless you stood there and watched every second of the tire-mounting procedure — assuming you were a mechanic and knew what to look for."

According to the suit, Assix discovered that mechanical centers on the TM 6000 units were "showing a materially lower number of units" than what was being reported by Sears, which paid rent and user fees on the machines to Assix.

Red Cross offering first aid, CPR classes in July

The St. Louis Bi-State Chapter of the American Red Cross will offer the following first aid and CPR classes during July at the Red Cross office, 10218 Lincoln Trail, in Fairview Heights.

Adult CPR — from 6 to 10 p.m. on July 6, and from 6 to 10 p.m. on July 20.
First Aid — from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on July 8, and from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on July 22.
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to 10 p.m. on July 6 for Part I, and 6 to 8:30 p.m. on July 7 for Part II, from 6 to 10 p.m. on July 20 for Part I, and 6 to 8:30 p.m. on July 21 for Part II.

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Adult CPR is a four-hour course providing instruction in proper first-aid skills for adult victims (nine years of age and older) of cardiac arrest,

choking and respiratory emergencies. The cost is \$25. Those completing the class will receive an American Red Cross Adult CPR certificate good for one year.

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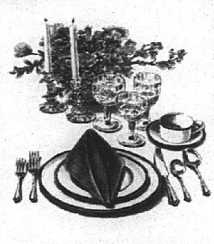
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Results Standings from local baseball, softball

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Wednesday

Controversy comes early in Mon-Clair League play

It did not take long for controversy to rear its head during the current baseball season.

In just the second weekend of the Mon-Clair men's amateur baseball season, a protest was filed regarding the use of an improper player in a game.

While the protest eventually was overturned by M-C president Mel Patton upon the advice of a rules committee headed by Ed Lange of Belleville and Dick Scipp of O'Fallon, the situation is worth passing along because it could occur, especially during the American Legion baseball season.

During the second game of the May 23 Valmeyer at Waterloo doubleheader, Valmeyer protested the use of John Wahlig in the Waterloo lineup, although the lineup submitted prior to the game showed Jim Wahlig in the No. 4 spot in the batting order.

While the brothers Wahlig are longtime M-C stars, the use of the wrong name was protested in the fourth inning after John had reached base safely.

Upon hearing the protest, the game umpires continued the game — won by Waterloo, but the protest was then turned over to Patton.

According to Patton, "Rule 6.07 (c) of the official baseball rules says when an improper batter becomes a runner or is put out, and a pitch is made to the next batter before an appeal is made, the improper batter thereby becomes a proper batter and the results of his time at bat become legal.

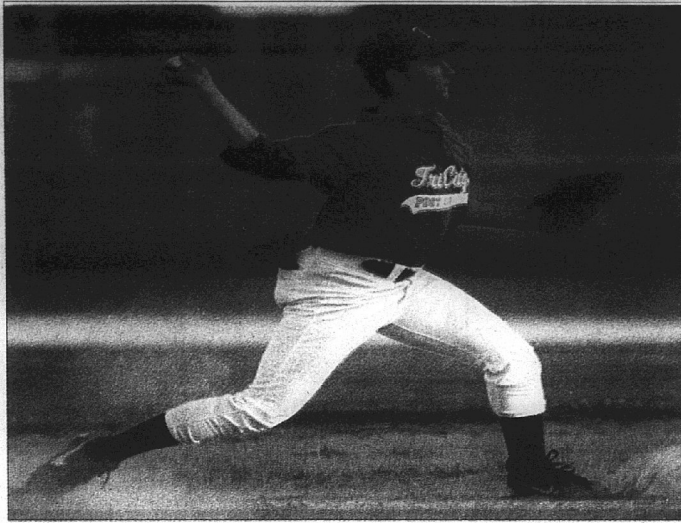
"Rule 6.07 (d) says that the instant an improper batter's actions are legalized, the batting order picks up with the name following that of the legalized improper batter."

Patton added: "We interpret those guidelines as saying that John Wahlig was an improper batter the first time that he went to the plate. No appeal was made at that time. In the fourth inning, he was now a legal batter in the lineup, and Valmeyer's appeal was incorrect because he was no longer 'improper.'"

In short, Valmeyer's appeal was not timely. Lange reminded me, though, of Rule 4.01 under the heading of "starting and ending a game."

This rule states: "Obvious errors in the batting order, which are noticed by the

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Tim Stephenson photo

Tri City shortstop Devin Mayes had a hit and scored a run Thursday in Post 113's District 22 Legion loss to Edwardsville.

Post 199 wins opener at Tri City's expense

Edwardsville hangs on for 6-5 victory

By Louie Korac
Staff writer

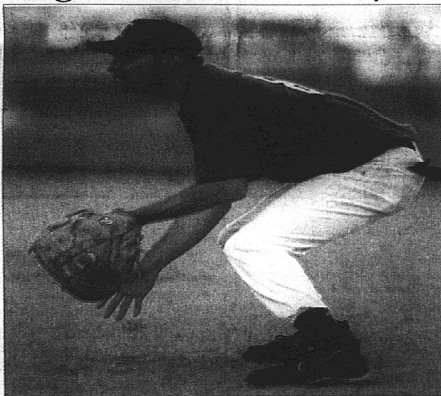
Edwardsville Post 199 began defense of its American Legion national championship Thursday with a victory, but the outcome was in doubt

until the very end. Post 199 survived a four-run seventh inning by Tri City Post 113 and held on for a 6-5 victory at Granite City High School.

"Coming off seven days I really wasn't expecting them to come out playing like they did at the end of the year or be real sharp."

Ken Schaahe
Post 199 coach

Nick Seibert, Tim Hansel and Andrew Honegger started for Edwardsville, which was playing its first game of the season after winning the American Legion World Series in Las Vegas last summer. Seibert (1-0) pitched the first



Tim Stephenson photo

Tri City first baseman Dustin Murphy was 3 for 3 Thursday against Edwardsville but Tri City suffered a 6-5 loss.

six innings and allowed five hits, an unearned run and five walks while striking out 10. He was forced from the game on a pitch count and gave way to Hansel, who was roughed up for five hits and four runs — two earned — in his two-thirds

of an inning stint. Chris Johnson needed just one pitch to bail out Hansel and pick up his first save. Edwardsville was scheduled

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Collinsville turns back Smithton

Post 365 bounces back
from first loss of season

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

Collinsville shook off pesky Smithton 9-6 Thursday evening as Post 365 picked up its first victory in

LEGION BASEBALL American Legion District 22 action.

Collinsville (4-1, 1-1) never trailed after scoring five first-inning runs but Smithton (1-4) pulled within one on two occasions.

After Post 365's five-run opening outburst, Smithton answered in the bottom of third inning with four runs. Collinsville scored single runs in the fifth and sixth to go ahead 7-4, but Smithton scored two runs in the bottom of the sixth.

Relievers Justin Volkmar and Dan Munoz squashed Smithton's comeback attempt.

"It was kind of an exciting game," Post 365 coach Steve Helmkamp said. "It was a fun game. We were up by five and then they came

"That might have helped us. Their kid pitched a great game. We know where our weaknesses are. We have to suck it up and play a little better."

Steve Helmkamp
Collinsville Legion coach on loss to Belleville

back and got four. Justin Heflin shut them down the first two innings. He got the ball up a bit in the third and we made some miscues and they scored four runs.

"We scored two more runs and then they came back. We changed pitchers. Justin Volkmar got the two outs we needed and were up 7-6 going into the seventh. We scored two more runs and

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Fairview Heights banks on Lancers

Schutzenhofer will guide lineup similar
to Belleville East's SWC-winning team

By Bill Hester
Correspondent

With basically the same cast he guided this spring at Belleville East High School, Fairview Heights

LEGION BASEBALL Heights American Legion coach Dennis

Schutzenhofer can be optimistic about some good results this summer.

Fairview Heights features all but two players from the Belleville East squad that finished with a 33-4 record this spring and won the Southwestern Conference championship. The winning hasn't stopped.

Fairview Heights, which was 37-9 last year, opened the summer with a 6-1 mark

entering play in this weekend's Fred McClary Memorial Tournament at Longacre Park.

Schutzenhofer said there are more advantages than disadvantages to having a team made up almost exclusively of players from one successful high school.

"We've been practicing together since March," Schutzenhofer said. "There should be no problems with signs or things like that. The guys know each other and they've had a lot of success together. The drawback is that a lot of the other teams draw from several schools and it can be more like an all-star high school team."

Schutzenhofer also noted

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Tri City fails to Post 199

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to play Smithson on Friday night in its home opener.

"I was up to 98 (pitches) and that's good," said Seibert, the losing pitcher in Edwardsville High's 11-1 loss to New Trier on June 11 in the IHSA state quarterfinals. "I haven't thrown competitively in a week so 98 — that's a good number to stop at."

Seibert and Tri City starter Scott Scharden, who fell to 1-1, both worked into the fourth inning without allowing a hit. But Seibert changed that when he belted a Scharden fastball over the left-center field fence for a

solo shot and a 1-0 Edwardsville lead.

"It was a fastball but I think I got kind of lucky I had an aluminum bat," Seibert said. "It was kind of up and away and I kind of pulled it, so I was lucky I didn't have a piece of wood in my hand."

Post 199 opened a 4-0 lead in the fifth. Travis Riggs and Todd Spitzke had back-to-back singles with one out. After Honegger struck out, Matt Bogle walked to load the bases and Seibert walked three in a run for a 2-0 lead. Hansen then blasted a two-run double and a 4-0 lead.

Tri City scored one run in the bottom of the fifth as

Scharden crossed the plate with the help of an Edwardsville error.

But Honegger delivered a two-run single for Post 199 in the sixth to make the score 6-1. Ryan Peterson had opened the inning by getting hit with a pitch.

Riggs walked with one out and Spitzke was also hit by a Scharden delivery. Honegger then delivered the hit which turned out to be key.

Tri City, after getting five hits in six innings, knocked around Hansen for five hits in the seventh before Johnson got Sean Courtney on a forceout at second base to end the game.

Post 199 coach Ken Schanke was pleased with his team's opening effort.

"It's been a week since they played competitively," Schanke said. "We're really only had one or two times in there that the kids have thrown, one time that they've hit, so coming off seven days I really wasn't expecting them to come out playing like they did at the end of the year or be real sharp."

"I was real pleased with the effort that Seibert got. Going for us, he had some moments where he struggled a little bit with his control but when they got runners on base, we seemed to get the ground ball or the strikeout or whatever we needed. It was kind of unfortunate that we had to take him out because he was getting up in the pitch count and we didn't want to hurt his arm with the cold weather. If it had been a little warmer, we probably would have let him throw the seventh inning."

For Tri City, Scharden and Teddy Millas each had two hits while Dustin Murphy led the way with a 3-for-3 performance.

Post 365 bounces back from first loss of year

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then Danny Munoz came in and slammed the door."

Post 365 cranked out 17 hits. Wayne Astrauskas collected three hits and drove in three runs. Royce Cole and Keith Mumper also collected three hits.

"We're trying to find some people who can get hot for a while," Helmkamp said.

"We're playing the two sophomores (Heflin and Volkmar). Matt Briggs got two hits. Cole had three hits and almost hit two out. We went to the bench and they were ready to go. We're not afraid to go to the others as long as they're ready."

Thursday's victory came on the heels of Post 365's first loss of the season, a 5-3 decision to Belleville on Tuesday in District 22 action.

"That might have helped us," Helmkamp said. "Their kid pitched a great game. We know where our weaknesses are. We have to suck it up and play a little better."

Belleville 5, Collinsville 3									
Post 365	AB	R	H	E	Post 365	AB	R	H	E
Mumper	3	0	0	0	Jones	4	0	0	0
James	3	0	0	0	Deuscher	3	0	0	0
Munoz	2	1	1	0	Darlier	3	0	0	0
Astrauskas	3	0	0	0	Friedrich	3	0	0	0
Clayton	3	0	0	0	Winkler	3	0	0	0
Heflin	3	0	0	0	Johnson	3	0	0	0
Dakemper	3	0	0	0	O'Donnell	3	0	0	0
Robbelle	3	0	0	0	Volkmar	3	0	0	0
Totals	22	3	3	0	Totals	25	5	9	2

Collinsville	AB	R	H	E	Collinsville	AB	R	H	E
Collinsville	21	3	3	2	Collinsville	21	3	3	2
Collinsville	21	3	3	2	Collinsville	21	3	3	2

2B — Friedrich, Winkler; 3B — Sangiolo.



Collinsville's Charlie Johnson pitched five innings against Belleville last week and allowed just one earned run but Post 365 suffered a 5-3 loss.

Collinsville	IP	H	R	ER	SO	Collinsville	IP	H	R	ER	SO
Charlie Johnson, L	5	6	3	1	12	Andy Johnson, W	7	3	3	3	4
Dan Munoz	1	2	2	1	0						

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Fairview Heights banks on Lancers

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differences between the high school season and Legion ball.

"You had a lot more control with the kids in high school," Schutzenhofer said. "In the summer, you have kids out for a number of reasons such as family vacations and different sports camps. We were missing some kids tonight (Thursday) who were at Busch Stadium. But when everybody is there, we should be a very good team."

Fairview Heights should field a very good lineup. Belleville East scored in double figures 19 times in 37 games during the spring.

Leading the way offensively for Fairview Heights will be first baseman Andy Schutzenhofer, shortstop Dante Brinkley and centerfielder Louis Beatty. They were all first-team all-Southwestern Conference picks for the Lancers during the spring. They each hit better than .400 and combined for 28 home runs.

Brad Bone and Steve Sommer will play at second base and third base, respectively. The two non-Belleville East players, Zach Sisko (St. Louis University High) and Tommy Wade

"I like the quality of my pitchers and our depth. Pitching depth is very important in the summer when you can play plenty of games in a short period of time."

Dennis Schutzenhofer
Fairview Heights coach

(Althoff), will also see time in the infield. Mike Brown will be behind the plate while Bart Bennett, DeMarcus Day and Mark LaPlante will play in the outfield.

The pitching has been a strength early in the summer. Brinkley, Schutzenhofer, Mike Johnson, Mark Mueller, Phil Elfrink and Brad Binder were winning pitchers on the high school level.

"I like the quality of my pitchers and our depth," Schutzenhofer said. "Pitching depth is very important in the summer when you can play plenty of games in a short period of time."

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Kahoks duo signs with Kaskaskia

Collinsville battery hopes to spark junior college program

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

The Collinsville High battery of pitcher Charlie Johnson and catcher Wayne Astrauskas will be together for another two seasons.

BASEBALL The two players announced last week they have accepted scholarship offers from Kaskaskia College in Centralia.

The duo played a major role in Collinsville's 26-7 record this spring. Astrauskas said Kaskaskia coach Larry Smith expressed interest in him midway through the 1999 season. When Smith came to see Astrauskas play, Johnson caught his eye as well.

"I'm just glad I can keep playing. I know I had it in me," Astrauskas said. "I just needed a chance. He gave me a call halfway through the season. The first time he talked to my dad (Wayne), he offered me a full scholarship."

"He said I would be catching right now. Eventually he might move me. I'd play anywhere else, wherever he needed me."

Astrauskas said he and Johnson would be roommates at Kaskaskia. He is looking forward to catching Johnson for the next two seasons.

The duo worked well this past spring as Johnson posted a 7-1 mark. "It'll be good for Charlie because he's used to me," Astrauskas said. "I can block his pitches in the dirt. We've worked well together. I know when he's over-throwing and that sort of stuff."

Astrauskas hit .420 this spring with a .541 on-base percentage and a .559 slugging percentage. He led the Kahoks in walks (21) and doubles (11). He was second on the team in runs batted in (32) and third in hits with (37).

"I think I had a good year," Astrauskas said. "I'm pleased with my hitting for the most part. I played pretty solid all year."

Astrauskas' numbers impressed members of the Illinois Baseball Coaches Association who chose him as an alternate for the Class AA South Squad for Saturday's all-star game in East Peoria. Astrauskas was notified last week that he would play in the game.

Astrauskas believes Kaskaskia College is a perfect fit for him since it allows him to stay close to his family.

"They come to all my games," he said of his parents. "The games start at 1 p.m. and he is planning to come as many as he can. I didn't want to get too far away from home. I liked how it worked out."

Soccer tryouts

Team Olympians girls soccer team will conduct tryouts for the under-17 age group on June 23 and June 30 (6:30-8 p.m. each day) at the SIUE soccer fields. For information, call 667-2745 or 288-6923.

Team Olympians girls soccer team will conduct tryouts for the under-16 and under-18 age group on June 23 and June 30 (6:30-8 p.m. each day) at the SIUE soccer fields. For information, call 667-2745 or 288-6923.

The Independent Ladies under-16 soccer team will conduct open tryouts June 23, 27, 29 and July 13 (6-8 p.m. each day) at the Horseshoe Lake Soccer Fields. For information, call 344-2702.

The Collinsville United Lady Celtics under-14 girls soccer team will conduct tryouts July 8 and July 13 at the United Soccer Complex in Collinsville. Tryouts are 6 p.m. each night. For information, call 344-8545.

The under-12 Collinsville United soccer team tryouts will be 6-8 p.m. each day June 15, 16, 23 and 24 at Van Fossen soccer fields. For information, call 344-1981.

Southern Illinois United Soccer Club soccer tryouts for boys and girls ages 12-14 for 1999 fall season will be 6-7:30 p.m. each of the following days at the following locations: June 21 at Benbow Field in Wood River; June 22 at Miners Park in Alton; and June 24 at Trimp Junior High in Bethalto. For information, call 465-3088, ext. 4.

The Southern Illinois Soccer League registration is open to boys teams under-8 through under-14 and girls teams under-8 through under-14. The league is comprised of competitive travel teams competing in southern Illinois. For information, call George Schwendemann at 451-0527.

The Collinsville United Revolution U-13 girls soccer team will conduct tryouts at the United Soccer Fields off McDonough Lake Road for girls born after Aug. 1, 1986.

Tryout dates are 6 p.m. on June 15, 22 and July 1, 10 a.m. on July 10, 6 p.m. on July 28, and 10:30 a.m. on July 31. For more information, call 667-3438 or 931-6332.

The Independent under-13 boys soccer team will conduct tryouts July 6 (6-8 p.m.) and July 10 (10 a.m.-12 noon) at the Collinsville United Soccer Fields, north of Van Fossen Complex. For information, call 345-5543.

The Collinsville United Invasion under-11 girls soccer team will conduct tryouts June 15, 17, 21 and 23 (6-8 p.m. each day) at the Collinsville United Soccer Fields. For information, call 345-1260 or 345-7192.

The Southwest Select Soccer Club under-11 boys team will conduct open tryouts June 15, 17, 21 and 23 at Horseshoe Lake fields. Tryouts are scheduled for 6-8 p.m. each day.

The under-12 Southwest Select Ambush are conducting open tryouts for the 1999-2000 competitive season. Boys born in 1987, or August through December 1987, are eligible to try out. The team is looking for five to six additional players.

Tryouts will be held from 6-7:30 p.m. on July 7 and 12-30 p.m. on July 18 at Horseshoe Lake in Collinsville. Shin guards are required along with a No. 4 ball, drinking water, a copy of the player's birth certificate and a passport type of school photo.

For more information, call 345-6036.

The Southwest Select Sting under-14 girls soccer team, playing out of the Metro East, will have tryouts for the fall of 1999 and spring of 2000 season. Tryouts are 6 p.m. June 17 and 10 a.m. July 17 at Horseshoe Lake soccer fields, located off Hwy. 11. Girls born after Aug. 1, 1985, are eligible. For information, call 931-0976 or 656-7640.

The FSP Knights Soccer Club is having tryouts for the outdoor fall season in the following girls age groups:

U-9 and U-11: June 15, 5:30-6 p.m., June 17, 5:30-6 p.m., July 3, 9-10 a.m.
U-12 and U-13: June 15, 6:30-8 p.m., June 17, 6:30-8 p.m., June 21, 6:30-8 p.m., July 3, 10-11 a.m. (if needed).

U-14 and U-15: June 16, 5:30-6 p.m., June 18, 5:30-6 p.m., June 22, 6:30-8 p.m., July 3, 11 a.m. to noon (if needed).

U-16 and U-18: June 16, 6:30-8 p.m., June 18, 6:30-8 p.m., July 3, noon to 1 p.m.

All tryouts will be at the Belleville Family Sportsplex. Players should bring their own ball and water each day. For more information, call 589-4712.

The Granite City Elks 66 girls soccer team will conduct tryouts 6-8 p.m. on June 16 and June 24 and 12 noon to 2 p.m. June 26 at the Granite City campus of Belleville Area College. Players must be born between Aug. 1985 and July 31, 1986.

All candidates must wear a white shirt and shin guards. Players must bring a size 5 ball, water and a birth certificate. For more information or a rain date, call 931-3053 or 931-8207.

Collinsville United Purple Crush under-15 girls soccer team will conduct tryouts at the United Soccer Fields off McDonough Lake Road. Tryouts are 7 p.m. June 15, June 22 and July 1, 11 a.m. July 10, 7 p.m. July 28 and 11 a.m. July 31. For information, call 667-3438 or 344-4132.

Metro FC select soccer tryouts for the 1999-2000 season will be conducted at the Metro FC Soccer Complex, located on Buff Road on the campus of Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville.

Each player will need to bring a soccer ball, a copy of either birth certificate, a small school picture and shin guards. Tryouts are for the following boys and girls teams:

June 21: 5-6:30 p.m. (9B, 10B, 11B); 6:30-8 p.m. (9G, 10G, 11G).

June 22: 5:30-6 p.m. (14G, 15 G); 6:30-8 p.m. (15B, 16B).

June 23: 5:30-6 p.m. (17B, 18B); 6:30-8 p.m. (13G, 14G).

June 30: 5:30-6 p.m. (9B, 10B, 11B, 12B); 6:30-8 p.m. (9G, 10G, 11G, 12G).

July 5: 5-6 p.m. (13G, 14G, 15G); 6:30-8 p.m. (13B, 14B, 15B).

July 6: 5-6 p.m. (15B, 16B, 17B, 18B).

Individual tryouts can be arranged over the phone by calling the Metro FC office at 667-8533.

Prep sports

METRO EAST BASEBALL

Southwestern Conference		
Team	Conf	Overall
Belleville East	12-1	23-4
Edwardsville	9-3	31-7
Collinsville	12-1	29-7
Belleville West	1-5	20-11
Granite City	2-8	19-18
Alton	1-7	6-17
East St. Louis	0-11	1-13

Mississippi Valley		
Team	Conf	Overall
Civil Memorial	7-3	15-10
Triad	6-4	24-8
Highland	6-4	21-10
Mascoutah	6-4	13-16
Waterloo	2-7	9-18
Jersyville	2-8	11-17

Cahokia		
Team	Conf	Overall
Columbia	8-1	22-10
Red Bud	9-1	11-12
Freeburg	7-2	11-16
Carlyle	4-4	14-15
Greene Central	4-5	17-14
Quincy	4-5	11-14
Marissa	4-5	13-13
Lebanon	3-7	10-15
Worship	2-6	5-20
New Athens	1-6	19-16

South Seven		
Team	Conf	Overall
O'Fallon	7-1	21-5
Cahokia	1-5	5-16

Independents		
Team	Conf	Overall
Albion	26-11	57-15
Granite City Regional	3-7	9-16
Valmeyer	1-6	4-20

METRO EAST SOFTBALL

Southwestern Conference		
Team	Conf	Overall
Belleville West	14-1	22-7
Belleville East	10-2	24-7
Granite City	6-7	10-13
Edwardsville	3-8	18-12
Alton	5-8	13-18
Collinsville	5-8	10-12
East St. Louis	0-11	0-12

Mississippi Valley		
Team	Conf	Overall
Mascoutah	3-1	22-7
Triad	6-4	15-9
Highland	6-4	16-10
Civil Memorial	6-4	14-13
Waterloo	2-6	5-19
Jersyville	0-8	2-25

Cahokia		
Team	Conf	Overall
Weslin	8-0	16-1
Freeburg	6-2	9-11
Columbia	5-3	20-9
Quincy	3-3	15-6
New Athens	4-3	8-13
Red Bud	3-3	8-15
Lebanon	3-5	8-10
Greene Central	2-6	5-14
Marissa	1-5	7-18
Carlyle	0-6	0-14

South Seven		
Team	Conf	Overall
O'Fallon	11-1	29-5
Cahokia	0-2	0-13

Independents		
Team	Conf	Overall
Albion	20-4	30-4
Granite City Regional	1-1	11-13
Valmeyer	1-1	8-10

IHSA PLAYOFFS

CLASS AA

PREP BASEBALL

Edwardsville Sectional

Belleville West Regional

May 27

Game 1: Cahokia 10, East St. Louis 2

May 28

Game 2: Collinsville 11, Cahokia 8

Game 3: Belleville Althoff 7, Belleville West 2

May 31

Game 1: Belleville Althoff 9, Collinsville 4

Centralia Regional

May 27

Game 1: Mascoutah 14, Centralia 1

Game 2: Highland 10, Waterloo 0

May 29

Game 3: Belleville East 13, Mascoutah 4

Game 4: O'Fallon 5, Highland 1

May 31

Game 1: Belleville East 8, O'Fallon 0

Game 2: Granite City Regional 1, Belleville West 2

May 27

Game 1: Alton 12, Jersyville 2

Game 2: Granite City 4, Bethalto 0

Game 3: Edwardsville 10, Alton 0 (6 innings)

May 29

Game 4: Triad 12, Granite City 2 (6 innings)

May 31

Game 5: Edwardsville 9, Triad 2

Game 6: Mount Vernon Regional 1, Edwardsville 2

May 27

CLASS AA

PREP SOFTBALL

O'Fallon Sectional

Centralia Regional

May 27

Game 1: Mount Vernon 11, Centralia 2

May 28

Game 2: Carbondale 5, Salem 4 (15 innings)

May 29

Game 3: Murphysboro 10, Mount Vernon 2

May 31

Game 4: Marion 2, Carbondale 1 (9 innings)

May 31

Game 5: Murphysboro 7, Marion 0

May 31

Game 6: Belleville West 2, Granite City 0

May 31

Game 7: O'Fallon 2, Waterloo 1 (9 innings)

May 31

Game 8: Belleville West 3, O'Fallon 1

May 31

Game 9: Collinsville 10, Jersyville 0

May 29

Game 10: Edwardsville 7, Collinsville 0

May 29

Game 11: Alton 5, Bethalto 0

May 31

Game 12: Edwardsville defeated Alton, Belleville East Regional

May 27

Game 1: Triad 2, Highland 1

May 28

Game 2: Belleville East 1, Triad 0 (9 innings)

May 28

Game 3: Belleville Althoff 1, Mascoutah 0

May 31

Game 4: Belleville Althoff 1, Mascoutah 0

May 31

Game 5: Belleville Althoff 1, Mascoutah 0

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Game 6: Belleville Althoff 1, Mascoutah 0

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Game 15: Belleville Althoff 1, Mascoutah 0

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Game 16: Belleville Althoff 1, Mascoutah 0

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Game 17: Belleville Althoff 1, Mascoutah 0

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Game 18: Belleville Althoff 1, Mascoutah 0

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Game 19: Belleville Althoff 1, Mascoutah 0

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News

In the classroom

Melanie Gensert, the daughter of Dave and Mary Ann Gensert of Granite City, has been elected president of the Phi Delta Chi pharmacy fraternity at Butler University in Indianapolis.

Gensert will attend the Phi Delta Chi national convention at San Diego in August. Treasurer of Alpha Phi, Gensert has received a summer internship in pharmaceutical research at Butler. A sophomore majoring in pharmacy, she is a 1997 graduate of Granite City High School.

Two 1999 graduates of Granite City High School qualified for scholarship awards at MacMurray College in Jacksonville.

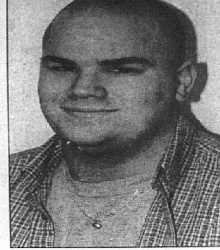
Dena Williams, daughter of Darrell and Cheryl Williams, qualified for an Alumni Honors Scholarship. She is considering a psychology major at MacMurray.

Jan Shanafelt, the daughter of Ronald and Shari Shanafelt, qualified for a Presidential Honors Scholarship. She is considering a physical education major at MacMurray.

Traci Mell of Granite City was among several students recognized during the annual Honors Day Convocation at Culver-Stockton College in Canton, Mo.

The daughter of John and Susan Mell, she received the Emily Halsebeck Award for oral interpretation.

Amelia Tapp of Granite City was among nine Southern Illinois



Anthony Handazzo

University Carbondale students to receive the Albert and Leyla Somit University Honors Scholarship for the fall of 1999.

The scholarship, worth \$1,000, goes to students based on grade point average and participation in the University Honors program. She is the daughter of Nedwin Tapp and Mary Perdue-Tapp.

Anthony Handazzo of Granite City prepared to enter college next fall by participating in the Mac FIRST program at MacMurray College in Jacksonville.

Coordinated by the College Admissions office, Mac FIRST is held five times during the spring and summer for students who will be new to MacMurray. A 1999 graduate of Granite City High School, Handazzo plans to major in criminal

justice at MacMurray. He is the son of Teddy and Marj Randazzo.

Adam Schillinger and Melanie England have been accepted into the Class of 2003 at McKendree College in Lebanon.

Both are members of the Class of 1999 at Granite City High School and will begin classes at McKendree in the fall.

Adam, the son of David and Kathy Schillinger of Granite City, plans to major in chemistry. Melanie, the daughter of Melba England of Granite City, plans to major in elementary education.

Vanessa Vangel and Hillary Ryan, both of Granite City, have received the Stephen D. Burdge '77 award from the St. Louis College of Pharmacy. Student recipients are judged on a variety of criteria including grades, leadership, merit and community service.

Vangel, the daughter of Vasil and Marcella Vangel, is a 1993 graduate of Granite City High School. Ryan, who graduated from GCIS in 1996, is the daughter of Richard and Diana Ryan.

Timothy Dittman, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Dittman of Granite City, was named to the dean's list for academic achievement at Washington University in St. Louis.

Dittman is a graduate of Granite City High School.

Split of SIU campuses sought

By Sanford J. Schmidt
Staff writer

The idea of splitting the Edwardsville and Carbondale campuses of Southern Illinois University has met with a cool response in Edwardsville.

Faculty groups from Carbondale adopted angrily worded resolutions calling for the split.

"I think the system serves the students well at both Carbondale and Edwardsville campuses," said state Rep. Jay Hoffman, D-Collinsville. State Sen. Evelyn Bowles, D-Edwardsville, said she would have to know more to form an opinion about the proposed split.

SIU spokesman Keith Nichols expressed doubt about whether such a split could be accomplished in the foreseeable future. He said the Edwardsville campus benefits by having more programs and

services because of its affiliation with the larger system, which includes Edwardsville, Carbondale and Springfield campuses.

The discussion of splitting the campuses arose this week after SIU President Ted Sanders angered Carbondale faculty and staff by firing Dr. Jo Ann Argersinger last week.

He claimed she was making major decisions without the knowledge or approval of him or the SIU board of trustees.

The Carbondale faculty members want the split because they want to work under a board other than the existing one that fired Argersinger.

"There has been an enormous frustration here over the last 25 to 30 years," said David Kammler, president of the SIUC Graduate Council, which represents faculty in the graduate schools.

He said every chief

executive at Carbondale since 1972 has been fired, indicating that the board either has made bad hiring decisions or bad firing decisions.

The board is like a doctor who has lost every patient, Kammler said. He said no one but a complete "yes man" would apply for the chancellor's job at Carbondale.

"Who would apply for a job here?" he said.

Kammler said that without a free and independent spirit on campus, a university becomes mediocre. He said the high turnover in the top job has led to poor morale and a tarnished image of the university.

But local officials concerned with the university said that the firing of Argersinger should not lead to the decision to split the two schools.

"I don't see why you would blame it on the entire system," Hoffman said. "It would be like throwing out the baby with the bath water."

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Granite City — Stacy L. Czerniewski, dental hygiene clinical honors; Charis Hoffman, associate degree nursing award.

Edwardsville — Lydia Orso, Robert Minsker Achievement Award.

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Horoscope

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) Get your duties and responsibilities out of the way first before you pursue pleasure. If you don't, it'll plague you all day long and ruin your fun.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) It's good to be helpful and generous, and you'll have the heart to be so today. However, be cognizant of your own resources and don't squander them on someone who doesn't deserve it.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Because those with whom you pal around today will have a strong influence on your behavior, select companions well. The wrong types could lead you into trouble.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don't let an early bad mood ruin your entire day. Make yourself snap out of it, so you can take part in and enjoy the festivities of the family.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you find yourself a little short of

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cash today, don't plan activities that cost out of pocket. The best things in life are free, so use your imagination to drum up adventure.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Wanting to be your own person today can be a creditable aspiration, so long as you know what you're doing and it's not done at the expense of others. When others call on you, join them.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your instincts and emotions could lead you down some blind alleys today and cause you to be judgmental about issues you shouldn't. Relax and take things at face value.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Friendship should never be weighed or measured, but simply enjoyed. If accounts don't balance at times, don't make an issue over it. Time will square things up.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Bad reviews are in the offing today if you attempt to convey an image that's not you. To make a good impression, just be your natural, good-natured self.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) It might take a little more than hard work and effort to get what you want today. Sometimes, we have to prime the pump in order to get things rolling. Don't be afraid to open your wallet.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Wishing to be elsewhere when in the company of those to whom you made a commitment is a waste of time. Relax and take in the good time going on around you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Although your nature is to be cordial and charming, don't allow yourself to be manipulated by another today. Spend your time with those who appreciate you.



Courtesy Universal Pictures
 Julia Roberts and Hugh Grant in a scene from the Universal Pictures release, "Notting Hill."

'Notting Hill' has Roberts, Grant, a few solid laughs, but not much else

"Notting Hill" asks the question, "Can the most famous film star in the world fall for the man on the street?" The answer is supposed to be yes.

MOVIE REVIEW

Roberts and Hugh Grant can't convince us that their characters fall hopelessly in love with each other. Otherwise, "Notting Hill" is a harmless, well-intentioned romantic comedy with several solid laughs.

Roberts plays Anna Scott, the aforementioned most famous film star in the world. Really, Roberts plays herself. In the opening sequence we see her floating through a sea of flashbulbs, walking along a red carpet to a premiere dressed in a designer gown, flashing that trademark smile.

While in London promoting her latest sci-fi blockbuster (you have to suspend much disbelief), she wanders through the city's bustling, eclectic Notting Hill section and into a travel bookstore. (Why she's there is never really clear. Maybe she recognizes from outside the store how slow business is and thinks it'll be a sanctuary from the paparazzi.)

For no apparent reason, she buys a book about Turkey. William Thacker (Grant), who owns the bookstore, is "the man on the street." He's an ordinary, good-looking guy with a dry sense of humor whose wife recently divorced him. That's about all we learn of him, but we need not know more.

William is the same bumbling but sweet Englishman Grant plays in pretty much everything. Despite Anna's enormous fame, William doesn't fawn over her. They have a witty exchange, she buys the Turkey book and leaves.

Later that day, they bump into one another—literally—on a street corner and he spills orange juice all over her white T-shirt. This gives them an excuse to go back to his apartment, where nothing happens, but she changes clothes and they get to have alleged sexual tension.

Out of nowhere she kisses him, which comes as a complete shock because up to

this point there have been no sparks whatsoever. Even their kiss is spark-free, but we are expected to believe there's some kind of magical attraction.

From here, the two spend a few days meeting his friends, avoiding photographers and supposedly falling in love. The funniest parts come when their vastly different worlds collide, and the talented supporting cast brings those scenes to life. William takes Anna to an intimate dinner party for his

goofy sister, Honey (Emma Chambers), who proclaims that Anna is her new best friend. When Anna invites William to her suite at The Ritz, he is mistaken for a reporter for Horse and Hound magazine and fumbles his way through a press junket. The biggest scene-stealer of all is William's obnoxious yet lovable Welsh roommate, Spike, played by Rhys Ifans. Spike is skinny, smelly and unshaven. He chain-smokes and eats Cocoa Puffs.



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This Tarzan quite different from any one seen before

Creators discuss difficulty in Disney version

By Steve Bryan
 Correspondent

With the possible exception of Count Dracula, Tarzan, the legendary character created by Edgar Rice Burroughs, is arguably the most filmed subject in Hollywood history.

Since Elmo Lincoln first played the jungle man in a 1918 silent film, numerous actors and athletes, including Olympic swimmer Johnny Weissmuller and Buster Crabbe, have put on loincloths for the camera.

And now the Walt Disney Studios are releasing "Tarzan," a full-length, animated feature that is quite different from the 47 previous live-action adaptations. Recently, "Tarzan" directors Kevin Lima and Chris Buck spoke by telephone from Kansas City about their film, the characters and the challenge of bringing an animated Tarzan to life.

"Chris and I grew up on Disney films. We really loved the fact that the best ones scare you as well as make you laugh," Lima said. "We wanted to make sure we kept that in the story since Tarzan grows up in this savage world."

"To tell the story we wanted to tell, we had to paint the jungle as somewhat savage," Buck said. "We have moments which are very dramatic. We go to joyous places also. We have the scary stuff as well as the lighter stuff."

One thing that's quite unique about the animated Tarzan is his body. Instead of having the physique of an overly muscled weightlifter, he possesses a thinner, more agile frame.

"We started with a swimmer's physique instead of a pumped-up superhero guy," Buck said.

"We wanted to change his anatomy so he'd be half-animal. Some of his muscles are more like a gorilla's would be."

Another departure from the traditional Disney animated

features is the music. Disney's animated films of the 1990s, such as "Beauty and the Beast" and "Aladdin," featured lots of big musical production numbers.

"Tarzan," on the other hand, contains just one production number in addition to five new songs written and performed by Phil Collins.

"From the very beginning, Chris and I looked at this material and we couldn't imagine Tarzan singing," Lima said. "It just seemed odd to us to have this half-naked man standing on a tree branch singing about his wants."

"So I forced us to explore music in a different way, which led us to Phil Collins. There's a tremendous amount

of storytelling going on in his songs. He can sing about what's going on in Tarzan's mind."

Voice casting is a crucial part of most animated films. "Tarzan" features the vocal talents of Glenn Close, Minnie Driver, Nigel Hawthorne, Lance Henriksen and Rosie O'Donnell.

Actor Tony Goldwyn, best known for his performance in "Ghost," gives voice to the animated version of Tarzan as an adult.

"We were looking for a mature voice. A very adult type of voice," Buck said. "Tony came in and gave us the mature voice, but also half-animal."

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Star Wars (PG) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45
The Mummy (PG-13) 1:00, 3:45, 7:10, 9:55

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Eastgate Plaza, E. Alton, 254-5289
Notting Hill (PG-13) 1:45, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50
Star Wars (PG) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
Tarzan (G) 2:00, 4:20, 6:45, 9:00
The General's Daughter (R) 1:15, 4:10, 7:10, 9:45
Instinct (R) 2:15, 5:00, 7:30, 10:10
Austin Powers 2 (PG-13) 1:30, 4:30, 7:15, 9:40

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Entrapment (PG-13) 2:00, 6:45

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Tarzan (G) 2:15, 6:45, 9:00
Austin Powers 2 (PG-13) 2:00, 7:00, 9:40

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Belleville, 233-1220
Star Wars (PG) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
Tarzan (G) 1:40, 4:15, 6:45, 9:00
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Jane (voice of Minnie Driver) meets Tarzan (voice of Tony Goldwyn) in a scene from the Walt Disney Pictures release, "Tarzan."

Disney raises the cartoon bar again with 'Tarzan'

Legendary character gets stunning treatment

By Brian Kaller
Staff writer

You have to hand it to the people at Disney — they might head a relentless marketing machine, but they could make just as much money making bad movies.

Instead they raise the bar on animation and filmmaking quality each year. They have brought the animated movie a new respect, and legions of adult fans as well as children.

Their latest movie, "Tarzan," is one of their best — a visually stunning achievement that ranks with "The Lion King" and "Beauty and the Beast" in quality and sophistication.

In fact, "Tarzan" seems to consciously emulate "The Lion King" in many ways — not just in its jungle setting but in its long silent prologue and lush pop soundtrack (Phil Collins this time instead of Elton John). Disney movies, like all children's stories from the dawn of time, deal with dead parents, and the first ten minutes or so of "Tarzan" comprise a gorgeous silent mini-movie that supplies the necessary background. In a breathtaking scene, a husband and wife escape from a violent shipwreck and make a new life in the jungle.

Meanwhile, Kala (Glenn Close), a mother gorilla, mourns the loss of her baby, murdered by a leopard. Lost and mourning, Kala comes

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upon a treehouse marred by claw marks, where she finds the leopard's latest victims. But as she turns to leave, she hears a soft cry from inside a trunk, and finds hidden inside... a pink and furless baby.

A truly innovative movie could stay silent, if it could be as well-made as the prologue. But then we get to the speaking section, with the boy Tarzan (Alex D. Linz as a boy, Tony Goldwyn as a man), cute marketable sidekicks, and musical numbers.

Tarzan must learn to deal with the Disney Protagonist Syndrome — being different from all the other kids and not knowing why. Even this is cleverly done, however, as it helps explain more about Tarzan's abilities — he learns to capitalize on his differences by doing the things gorillas cannot, like swimming and swinging from trees.

Eventually, of course, the jungle has visitors — Jane (Minnie Driver), her father (Nigel Hawthorne), and their bodyguard, Clayton (Brian Blessed), and Tarzan realizes he is not the only one of his kind.

One criticism that would apply to all the Disney films is its adherence to reliable formula. Greek mythology

("Hercules"), literature ("Hunchback of Notre Dame"), history ("Pocahontas") or the ever-dependable fairy tales ("Beauty and the Beast"), all come out of the Disney factory with remarkably similar characters and plots.

With a change of costume, Jane would be Ariel from "The Little Mermaid," or Esmeralda from "Beauty and the Beast," or any other heroine. Her dotty father could easily be the dotty fathers from "Beauty and the Beast" or "Little Mermaid."

When we first see the bully Clayton, we immediately sense his secret agenda and his eventual fate. This is more a tradition than a sign of creative bankruptcy, however, as Disney videos are to today's kids what the serials were in the 1950s, and just as ritualistic.

One way in which Disney is making changes is in its animation. When the studio began its renaissance 10 years ago with "The Little Mermaid," the animation had changed remarkably little from "Snow White."

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Society

Young at Heart meets at Holy Family



The Young at Heart senior citizens of group at Holy Family Catholic Church held its monthly meeting April 19 in the church community center.

The Rev. William Fisher, church pastor, and Sister Angelina, school principal, opened the meeting with a talk on education tax credits.

A tax credit is a direct reduction in the amount of taxes residents pay. Any parent of an elementary or secondary school student in Illinois who attends a private, public or home school would be able to deduct a percentage of the amount they spend on

their child or children's education. Eligible expenses would include books, lab or school supplies, tutoring costs, home computers, transportation and tuition. The same credit would apply regardless of parents' income.

President Cleola Siebert called the meeting to order and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of the March meeting were read by recording secretary Cleo Schneide, followed by the treasurer's report from Goldie Rozycka. Friendship Chairperson Marilyn Schooley sent get-well cards to Al Mance and Helen Harshany.

Membership Chairperson Connie McGee reported 74 members in attendance with one new member, Elenor Tutka, and one guest, Stella Probert.

Celebrating birthdays in April were Al Mance, Rose Schmitt and Arlene Haldeman. Celebrating anniversaries in April were Cecelia and Al Mance, 55 years; Helen and Eric Mooshegan, 56 years; and Zita and Warren Bequette, 52 years.

President Siebert reported the Young at Heart will donate \$300 to Calvary Chapel for a memorial leaf, which will be read, "In loving memory of

deceased members of Young at Heart."

The president thanked members for bringing baby shower gifts that will be donated to the PAC-VAN and Catholic Charities.

Attendance prizes were won by Aileen Purdie, Connie McGee, Mattie Sotiroff, Louise Gwasdac, Cecelia Mance, Frances Pelate, Lucille Mossa, Mary Williams and Jan Oberle.

The Young at Heart club will be in charge of three booths at the June Festival: the Party Wagon, Flea Market and Cake and Coffee.

Park District planning trip to Amish country



The Granite City Park District will be sponsoring a one-day trip to Illinois Amish country in east-central Illinois July 26.

Signups for the trip will be taken starting at 8 a.m. Thursday at the Wilson Park Ice Rink. The cost of the trip will be \$49 per person, which includes bus transportation, admission to the Illinois Amish Interpretive Center, the fee for the step-on guide and a complete meal in an Amish home.

The group will leave the rink at 7 a.m. and travel to the Amish and Mennonite country

near Arcola and Arthur, where more than 300 families practice their unique way of life, much the same as the first area settlers did more than 100 years ago.

The area guide will tell of the history and customs of these hard-working, devoted people. At the Interpretive Center, many things are displayed that are unusual to today's way of life, such as a table set for an Amish wedding, a carriage that is used for their mode of transportation and clothing and what it means to them, to mention a few items.

During the countryside tour, the guide will point out interesting things, such as interesting homes that house two to three generations and various businesses owned by the Amish. Stops will be made at a quilt and craft store and an Amish furniture store in addition to a stop at the home, with immaculate wood floors and hand-built cabinets, where a full Amish meal will be served by the homeowner.

The meal will consist of two meats, salad, mashed potatoes, homemade noodle or dressing, a vegetable, homemade bread with jam or apple butter, dessert and drinks. It will be served family-style.

Time will be allowed to browse in the shops in Arthur and a quick breakfast stop will be made en route to the area. The group should return to Wilson Park between 7 and 8 p.m.

As always, residents of the Park District will have first priority in signing up for the trip, with non-residents being placed on a waiting list and being notified a week later of availability. One person may sign up to four people for the trip.

For more information, contact the Wilson Park Office at 877-3059 or Sue Champion at 451-1212.

Church Women United holds monthly meeting



The May meeting of Church Women United of Granite City was opened by chapter president Millie Clements, who introduced Louise Anderson, the leader of the devotion. Anderson read an account about what a 20th century palmetist might write.

Bertha Oliver, Marie Moore, and Ola Jones provided refreshments of fruit and pastries.

Reports were given by the chairs of many projects sponsored by CWU. It was voted to give \$50 each to The Salvation Army for children to go to camp, to WINGS at St. Elizabeth Medical Center and to the back-to-school program sponsored by Community Care Center of Protestant Welfare.

A blood drive for the Red Cross was sponsored at St. John United Church of Christ. There is always a need for donors.

Members brought soap items to be donated to Phoenix Crisis Center, Good Samaritan House and Community Care Center. At the next meeting, canned goods will be brought.

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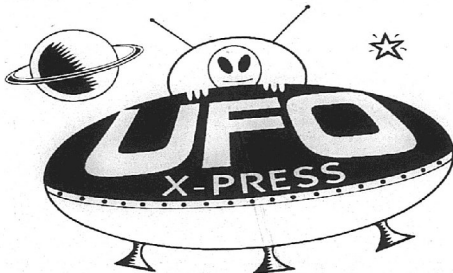


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Angelic honors

Eagles Illinois State Membership Chairman Martha Howlett, left, presents an angel necklace and earrings to Nina Jackson, right, president of Eagles Auxiliary 1126 in Granite City. Jackson received the honor for signing 15 new members to the group this year.

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Planning ahead helps make traveling with kids a snap

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Summer is here. For many parents that may mean it's time to take a family vacation. You're busy planning your trip, but something is different about traveling this year — you are bringing your new baby along.

Travel with small children is challenging, but with careful planning, it can be a pleasant experience.

Here are some tips you can use:

Traveling on an airplane: Arrive at the airport early. Airlines usually let passengers with small children board first. Special meals for children can be ordered from the airline when tickets are purchased.

Give infants a pacifier or a bottle during take-off and landing to relieve pressure in their ears. Older children will enjoy a piece of candy such as a Frootie Roll or gum. Whenever possible, choose non-stop flights.

Driving the family vehicle: Put a shoe bag over the front seat; it's ideal for holding toys for back seat play. Dress for the temperature inside the car. Using a car seat is not only the law, but it makes the job

of driving with small children much safer and easier.

No matter how tired or preoccupied you are, your most important task is to get your child and yourself safely to your destination. Moving everyone to a different position in the car after each stop will give children a new perspective. When disciplining, always pull off the road.

Bringing baby along: When traveling with an infant try to keep her on schedule. Use an infant carrier to free your hands and allow baby to be close to you. The small toys on a short ribbon and connect the ribbon to the car seat. This way the toy can be easier retrieved by you or your baby.

Play "Pat-a-Cake" and "This Little Piggy." Books with simple pictures always make a great activity. Some ideas for food to pack — crackers, teething biscuits, dry cereal and juice.

1- to 2-year-olds: This is a difficult age to travel because toddlers are busy asserting their independence. Make stops as infrequently as possible, since toddlers don't understand why they have to be buckled

up again so quickly.

Ask your toddler to find her nose, her toes, and other body parts. Puppets, cars, musical instruments, books, and dolls are all good toys to bring along. Toddlers enjoy eating graham crackers, cheese, bananas, and dry cereal. Try plain water to quench thirst.

2- to 3-year-olds: Two-year-olds move at their own pace. If you keep in mind that you can't hurry a 2-year-old, travel will be easier. Plan children's activities for the morning. Adult activities can be planned for the afternoon when children might nap.

Things to do include counting games, books, and drawing in a spiral notebook. Singing can be a great diversion in the car. Remember to bring along cassettes or CDs if you have a player in your car. Also, make up songs in familiar tunes and add hand motions to give an energetic child an outlet.

Your pre-schooler can play simple guessing games with you or be on the lookout for specific things like yellow cars or white cows. Raisins, bagels, pretzels and granola bars are ideal for snacking.

Ryan vists East St. Louis, gives \$800K to fund JJK Youth Center

By Jason White
Staff writer

Gov. George Ryan on Wednesday awarded \$800,000 from the Illinois First program to the Jackie Joyner-Kersey Youth Center in East St. Louis.

His stop at the center's construction site was part of a four-day, statewide tour to promote the \$12 billion program intended to build new infrastructure, fund school construction, help preserve greenspaces and fund public safety, community development and technological projects.

"It's literally hundreds of projects throughout the state of Illinois to help people improve their quality of life," Ryan told a crowd at the youth center construction site in East St.

Louis.

"I believe it's going to be a very important tool to help local communities meet challenges of the future," he said.

Ryan brought cheers when he said East St. Louis has been "neglected for far too long" by Springfield. "I plan on being back here to announce other projects," he said.

The youth center is intended to provide young people with academic, recreational and personal development activities. It is scheduled to open later this year.

"It (the center) is to build a better place for our young people," Joyner-Kersey said. "I think it's so important that we nurture our young people with the power of knowledge." Parsons Place, a 200-unit

housing development on the city's north side, will receive \$4 million from the project. East St. Louis Mayor Debra Powell praised Ryan as "a person truly dedicated" to helping revitalizing the community.

"East St. Louis should look exactly like St. Louis does," Powell said.

St. Clair and Madison counties will receive \$897 million over five years in transportation funds. Road projects include \$29.7 million for additional lanes on Interstate 64 from Illinois 157 to Lincoln Trail in O'Fallon. The program also sets aside \$1.7 million for St. Louis Downtown Parks Airport in Cahokia and \$200,000 for the St. Louis Metro East Airport in St. Jacob.

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New Eagles members

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SIUE holds annual Honors Convocation

The following students at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville were recognized at the annual Honors Convocation. Ceremonies were conducted April 18 in the Meridian Hall of SIUE's Morris University Center.

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Area Big Brothers/Big Sisters launches fifth house raffle

By Christopher England
Staff writer

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southwestern Illinois recently kicked off its fifth house raffle.

The grand prize is a \$185,000 Fulford home, or the winner can opt for \$120,000 cash.

Second prize will be \$7,000 cash, third prize is \$3,500 cash, fourth prize is \$1,000 cash, fifth through 25th each receive \$200 and 26th through 45th places receive \$150 each.

The drawing will be at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 30 at Center Court in St. Clair Square. Tickets are being sold for \$100 each and may be purchased by contacting the BB/BS office at 388-3122. Only 3,500 tickets will be sold, so each has a 1 in 78 chance of winning.

"Those are great odds to at least win your money back — plus another 50 dollars — and you are helping a good cause as well," said Barbara Cempura, executive director of BB/BS.

In four previous raffles BB/BS gave away two homes, as well as \$240,000 in cash.

"The raffle has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for the program in the last four years," Cempura said.

"The money assists toward the training of volunteers and funds recreational programming." The home is to be built by Fulford homes — a sponsor of the raffle from the beginning — at The Manors at Fairwood Hills in O'Fallon.

"We knew this was helping a good cause ... we are very proud to be a part

of the raffle," said Jim Pehle, Fulford Homes director of marketing. BB/BS, located in the west-end of Belleville, offers adult mentoring for children who are in need of another positive role model in their lives. The program offers several types of

programming and is designed to help strengthen a child's confidence, competence and understanding of others. Cempura stated the raffle out of her home in 1980, but moved it to the upstairs loft of the Fairview Heights Police Department in 1982.

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If your patio is made up of individual blocks, remove one or two, replace them with good topsoil and plant a flower or veggie. It's a unique accent, provided it's not located in an area where it will be in the way and get stepped on.

Harvest herbs while tops are fresh and green, prior to bloom. If roots or seeds are the desired portion, wait until they have fully developed. Dry herbs in the shade for best oil retention.

Inspect your vegetable garden for insects on a regular basis so you can treat them before the problem gets bigger. Don't forget to look under leaves.

Spring flowering shrubs and trees should have been pruned already. If not, don't try to do it now. Any further pruning may remove next year's flowers, which are forming at this time.

If you put some houseplants outside, don't neglect them. Continue to water and keep them well groomed.

When pruning roses for faded or cut flowers, you should start at the flower and move down the stem to the second 5-leaflet leaf. Make cut just above it. This will produce a stronger new growth. Follow this same procedure when removing faded roses from the bush.

Container-grown annuals require extra attention when watering. Due to the confined root area, they tend to dry rapidly and should be checked frequently. Water containers thoroughly, until water seeps out the drainage holes.

A round, brown sunken area on the bottom of tomatoes may be blossom-end rot. To prevent this, keep soil uniformly moist around the plants. Try

mulching plants to keep moisture levels constant. While on the subject of tomatoes, you can make the most of your garden space by training tomatoes to grow up on a stake or in a tomato cage. The fruit will be cleaner, too.

Daylilies would make a great addition to your garden. These hardy perennials will flower for three to four weeks in shades of cream, peach, orange and red. By choosing early-, mid- and late-season varieties, you can have color through September.

Pinch back any geraniums that have been blooming. This will keep them from becoming too leggy. Remember, geraniums are plants that love the hot sun. They don't mind being a little dry.

Hummingbirds are attracted to red, orange or pink tubular flowers. Plant petunias, phlox or lilies to bring them to your yard.

When planting transplants, an application of granular fertilizer such as 5-10-5 should be worked into the soil.

If you have grass and/or weeds peeking up from the cracks or drive in the sidewalk, do away with 'em by using a non-selective weed and grass killer. Be careful when using it, however, since it will kill anything it contacts.

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Honda offers hot version of Civic coupe

By Tom Strongman

The Si is Honda's Civic lesson for the year. If young drivers are sinking their hard-earned bucks into hopping up Civics, why shouldn't the factory build one of its own? Enter the 160-horsepower Civic coupe Si. The price of \$17,445 includes AM/FM/CD, power sun roof and air conditioning. Also standard are a keyless remote, power mirrors, power windows and cruise control. All Si coupes have alloy wheels, two-tone cloth upholstery and black, red or blue paint. Hopped-up Civics are most prevalent in Southern California, where automotive trends often show up first. Troll the freeways of Los Angeles and you can see countless Hondas lowered so far they look like they are riding on coasters. With exhausts the size of drain pipes and ultra-low profile tires on trick wheels, Civics are to this generation what the '37 Chevvy was to baby boomers.

While the factory version doesn't have the radi-

cal looks of the SoCal street rods, it is modified to boost both straight-line performance and road holding.

It zips through the gears like a four-wheel motorcycle and darts around corners like it was being chased by demons.

The transversely mounted, all-aluminum, 1.6-liter four-cylinder engine that drives the front wheels revs to 8,000 rpm. It has dual-overhead-cams (DOHC), four valves per cylinder and a high compression ratio. The exhaust system has larger pipes, too.

Despite its high output, this engine feels smooth and free of vibration.

High-rpm engines are Honda's signature, a fact likely traceable to the company's long history of building motorcycle and racing engines. The engine in the Si pulls well from 5,000 rpm because of the VTEC variable valve timing. It really sings from 7,000 to 8,000, where the 160 horsepower is reached. To me, the disadvantage of an engine that revs

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this high is this: Most drivers aren't comfortable revving an engine this far and probably won't most of the time. As much as I like the way it screams up to 8,000, horsepower that is accessible at lower rpm would be used more often.

The five-speed manual transmission shifts with a flick of the wrist. Third, fourth and fifth gears have closer ratios than other Civics, and that helps keep the engine in its power band. Highway cruising is a tad noisier because the lower fifth gear spins the engine more.

All Civics use a dual wishbone suspension front and rear, but the Si gets stronger front springs and a brace between the front shock absorbers. Special gas shocks provide a firmer feel without degrading the ride quality.

In most driving, the Si's tight ride feels good, and it reacts well to steering input. Really aggressive driving shows up the shortcomings of front-wheel-drive traction, but that is mostly academic in daily driving.

Like other Civics, the Si has electronic controls for its heating and ventilation system. Three knobs are placed vertically alongside the radio, where they can be reached without moving your hand far from the steering wheel. While this layout is unusual, I found it to be most convenient.

Front seats are pretty heavily contoured, and their firm padding feels as good at the end of a drive as it does at the beginning. The upholstery pattern is lively enough to be interesting, yet subtle enough that it doesn't look garish.

The back seat is fairly small, but the 60/40 split-folding back expands cargo capacity nicely. Our test car's build quality was first-rate.

Engine and road noise both were well muted. While Honda touts the Civic Si as a hot car for the young generation, this package is one that will appeal to older drivers who like a responsive car without a towering price tag.

The base price of the Civic coupe Si test car was \$17,445. Floor mats and transportation brought the sticker price to \$17,949.

Auto industry boosts economy

By Rick Stoff

If the automobile industry isn't leading America's economy, it sure is keeping it up.

About 1.4 million cars and light trucks were sold in April, about 3.8 percent more than in April 1998.

With the first one-third of the year in the books, total U.S. sales stood at 5.3 million, 9 percent ahead of last year's pace.

The best-selling vehicles in April were the Ford F-Series and Chevrolet C/K full-size pickups. The Dodge Ram and Ford Ranger pickups and the Ford

Explorer sport-utility also ranked in the top 10. The leading car, Toyota Camry, was third overall. Also in the top 10 were Honda Accord, Ford Taurus, Honda Civic and Chevrolet Cavalier.

Jaguar came out on top in the latest of the quality surveys. The J.D. Power and Associates survey on initial quality is one of the oldest and more prestigious, and it found there was an average of 110 problems per every 100 new 1999 Jaguars sold at the beginning of the model year.

Second was Buick, with 114 problems per 100 cars. The remainder of the top 10 were Infiniti, 118; Acura, 124; BMW, 125; Lexus, 131; Toyota, 135; Honda, 137; Cadillac, 139; and Chrysler, 146.

The company said the industry average was 167 problems per 100 new vehi-

cles. Also beating that average were Nissan, Lincoln, Mercedes-Benz, Volvo, Plymouth, Porsche, Audi and Mazda.

Whoops. Cadillac has issued a news release acknowledging it did NOT sell more cars than rival Lincoln in 1998. Cadillac admitted it entered nearly 5,000 cars sold to dealers as retail sales, enabling it to edge Lincoln for the calendar-year luxury car sales title. With the revision to the Cadillac sales rolls, Lincoln ended the year with 167,121 unit sales while Cadillac had 162,370. A General Motors spokesman said some employees have been disciplined over the incident.

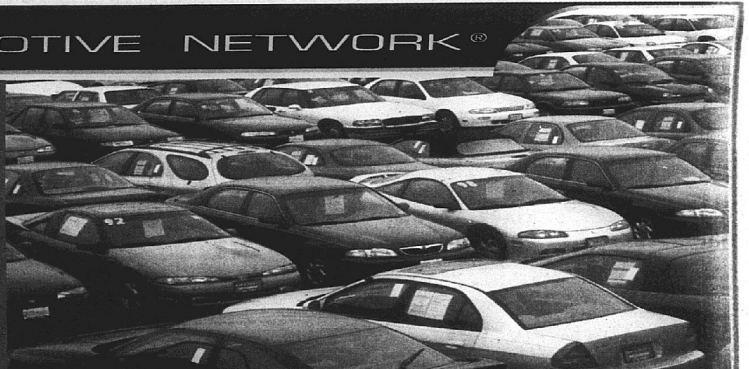
The last time Lincoln sales exceeded Cadillac's was 1939, but Lincoln still ended up second in the luxury market that year to Packard.

A Toyota dealership was one of the businesses destroyed by tornadoes that hit Oklahoma in early May. Cars from the lot of Huddiburg Toyota were found across Interstate 40 in front of the dealership and in trees and a creek behind it.

Trade is going to be a two-way street for the merged interests of Daimler and Chrysler. An executive of the new DaimlerChrysler corporation says 106 Mercedes-Benz dealers in Europe have asked to add Chrysler-Jeep franchises to their businesses.

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Road Report

Here is this week's report on lane and road construction projects in the St. Louis metropolitan area:

METRO EAST

I-270 at Chain of Rocks Bridge (Mississippi River and Canal Bridge) — Work has resumed on the bridge to apply the final layer of pavement and to remove the barricades in the medians. Motorists can experience periodic, temporary lane closures during non-rush hours until early June.

I-64 at the split at I-55/70 to I-255 in East St. Louis — IDOT is working on a 3-mile stretch of I-64 in East St. Louis. The resurfacing and bridge rehab work is taking place on I-64 from the split at I-55/70 in East St. Louis to I-255. Motorists can expect lane restrictions in each direction until June 2000. Motorists can use alternate routes such as I-55/70 and I-255 to bypass the construction.

ST. LOUIS CITY

I-70 from Branch Street to Riverview Boulevard — I-70 over Riverview is restricted to two lanes in each direction until spring 2000. Ramp from Goodfellow Boulevard to eastbound I-70 is closed. Motorists must detour to Stratford Avenue then to Riverview/Birch where they can access eastbound I-70. Reversible lanes are closed to replace seven I-70 bridges over streets.

I-70 from west of Adelaide Avenue to east of St. Louis Avenue — All eastbound lanes have been shifted into the reversible lanes so that crews can continue work on bridges over city streets. This temporary detour will allow eastbound I-70 traffic to exit and

re-enter the highway at all interchanges by passing through the construction area. Detour until late fall.

I-70 from Riverview Boulevard to Shreve Avenue — The bridges at West Florissant Road and Taylor Avenue have been reduced to one lane in each direction in preparation for the removal of the Taylor Avenue bridge June 25-28. I-70 will be closed at West Florissant will be closed while the bridge is removed. Westbound I-70 is reduced to two lanes between Shreve Avenue and Riverview Boulevard. The ramp from westbound I-70 to Union Boulevard is closed. The Union bridge has been removed. Eastbound I-70 is reduced to two lanes between Riverview and Kingshighway Boulevard. The entire project is scheduled to be complete by spring 2000.

I-70 at the Third Street Viaduct — The I-70 overpass has two east and westbound lanes open. The eastbound exit onto Cole Street and the westbound Memorial Street on-ramp are closed. Convention Plaza is now open to two lanes from Fourth Street to the Martin Luther King Bridge. Northbound Memorial Drive traffic is detoured west to Fourth Street. Additional day and night lane closures may occur periodically on I-70 and the city streets beneath the viaduct.

ST. LOUIS COUNTY

I-44 and I-270 After Monday morning rush hour, crews will remove the westbound lane split at Lindbergh Boulevard. Motorists can expect uneven pavement at Lindbergh until crews finish paving work there. The eastbound I-44 ramp

to Watson Road is closed until August for concrete paving work on the highway. Motorists must use Lindbergh to access Watson. Possible lane closures may occur on both I-44 and I-270 during non-rush hours.

I-44 north outer road (Fifth St. and Fox Creek Rd.) at Allenton Road (Eureka) — The relocation of Fifth St. and Fox Creek Rd. and the widening of Allenton Road is under way. Motorists can expect lane closures in this area during late evening hours only.

I-44 from Allenton Road (STL Co.) to the Crawford Co. Line (Franklin Co.) — Work is under way east and west of St. Clair to install guardrail and guardable. Lane closures may occur on I-44 during the day in this area.

I-70 and Old Bonhomme Road — Old Bonhomme Road over I-70 will be closed from Le Pere Avenue to Old Towne Lane in Olivette. Crews will first demolish the aging structure and then rebuild the overpass. Motorists on both the east and west side of I-70 may use either Delmar Boulevard or Olive Boulevard to cross the I-70. The newly rebuilt overpass is rescheduled to reopen by June.

I-270 at Bellefontaine Road — One southbound lane and center turn lane are closed. Northbound lanes are shifted to the right on Bellefontaine under the I-270 bridge. In place through June.

Route 40/61 at the Boone's Crossing Overpass (Chesterfield) — Work on the Boone's Crossing overpass may cause lane closures on both east and westbound Route 40 during non-rush hours.

Missouri to receive grant to aid laid-off Boeing employees

By Michael Penrod
Staff writer

The U.S. Department of Labor has awarded the state of Missouri a \$6.24 million emergency grant to provide employment and other services for employees being laid off by Boeing Company.

Gov. Mel Carnahan announced the grant on Tuesday alongside Rick Smith, president of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers Local 837, and Jerry Daniels, vice president and site manager for Boeing.

The grant comes just one month after Boeing announced plans to lay off nearly 7,000 union and non-union employees over the next two years.

Money from the grant will be used to fund a Career Transition Center. Daniels said the center will provide

"It will give them hope that they can be retrained to do other things, and hopefully get the same high quality jobs they have today."

Rick Smith, president
International Association of Machinists
and Aerospace Workers local 837

all Boeing employees with assistance in writing resumes and searching for new work.

He said job retraining, however, will not be provided by the center. "Our emphasis is not retraining; it's getting the people aligned with other opportunities in the local area," Daniels said.

Daniels said efforts to help Boeing employees find new work will help the region as a whole by keeping those skilled workers near St.

Louis.

"These people are resources, just as much as buildings, machinery and technology, and we don't want that resource to leave the area," Daniels said.

Smith said the help the center can provide will be a tremendous benefit to all employees.

"It will give them hope that they can be retrained to do other things, and hopefully get the same high quality jobs they have today," Smith said.

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